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THE
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RITICS HAVE LONG SINCE FORBID
-DEN VS TO SUPPOSE THAT THE
FROGS EVER CHANTED IN HOMER'S
OWN VERSE, BUT THEY ARE NOT YET AGREED
AMONG THEMSELVES TO VCHING WHOM WE
SHOVL'D RECOGNIZE AS HIS BVRIESQVING IMITA
TOR. PIGRÊS, BROTHER OF QVEEN ARTEMISIA
IS SEEWINGLY A NOT VNLKELY AVTMOR FOR
THE BATRACHOMYOMACHIA, HIS CLAIM BEING
VPMELD BY SVCH A SCHOLAR AS BAYMEISTER,
WHILE PROFESSOR MAMAFFY, THMOVG M
POINTING OVT THAT IT IS WEAKENED THROUGH
THE ASCRIPTION OF THE MARGITES TO THE
SAME OBSCVRE POET, CONSIDERS HIS AVTMOR
-SHIP NOT IMPROBABLE BUT RATHER DOVBTFL
THIS IS PERHAPS THE STRONGEST CONJEC
-TURE ON THE QVESTION THAT WE CAN
OFFER ANY READER WHO CARES TO
MAKE AQAINTANCE WITH AN ATTEMPT
AT RENDERING THE MOST ANCIENT
OF GREEK MOCK-HEROICS INTO THE
MEASURE OF THE MOST CHARMING OF
ENGLISH ONES - THE NYMPHIDIA OF
MICHAEL DRAYTON.





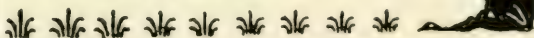
YOV. HELICONIAN. CHOIR
 DIVINE.
 I. FIRST. ENTREAT, YE. SIS-
 TERS. NINE.
 COME. ENTER. NOW. THIS.
 HEART. OF. MINE.
 AND. HELP. ACCORD. IN. SI-
 NGING.
 THE. SONG. I. WRIT. NOT.
 LONG. AGO.
 O'ER. KNEE-PROPT. TAB-
 LETS. BENDING. LOW.
 WHOSE. STRAINS. I. VOW-
 ED. SHOVL'D. WIDE^L. FLOW.
 TO. EARS. OF. MORTALS.
 BRINGING.







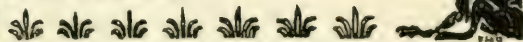
A·TALE·OF·BOVNDLESS·
 STRIFE·AND·JAR;
 WITH·MARTIAL·CLANG-
 -OVR·ECHOING·FAR:
 HOW·VALIANT·MICE·WENT
 FORTH·TO·WAR·
 'CAINST·FROG·HOSTS·
 HOARSE·AND·BRINDLED·
 IN·DEEDS·OF·PROWESS·
 FAIN·TO·EXCEL·
 THE·FEATS·OF·EARTH-
 -BORN·GIANTS·FELL·
 THAT·WONDERING·MOR-
 -TALS·WONT·TO·TELL·
 AND·THVS·THE·FEVD·
 WAS·KINDLED·



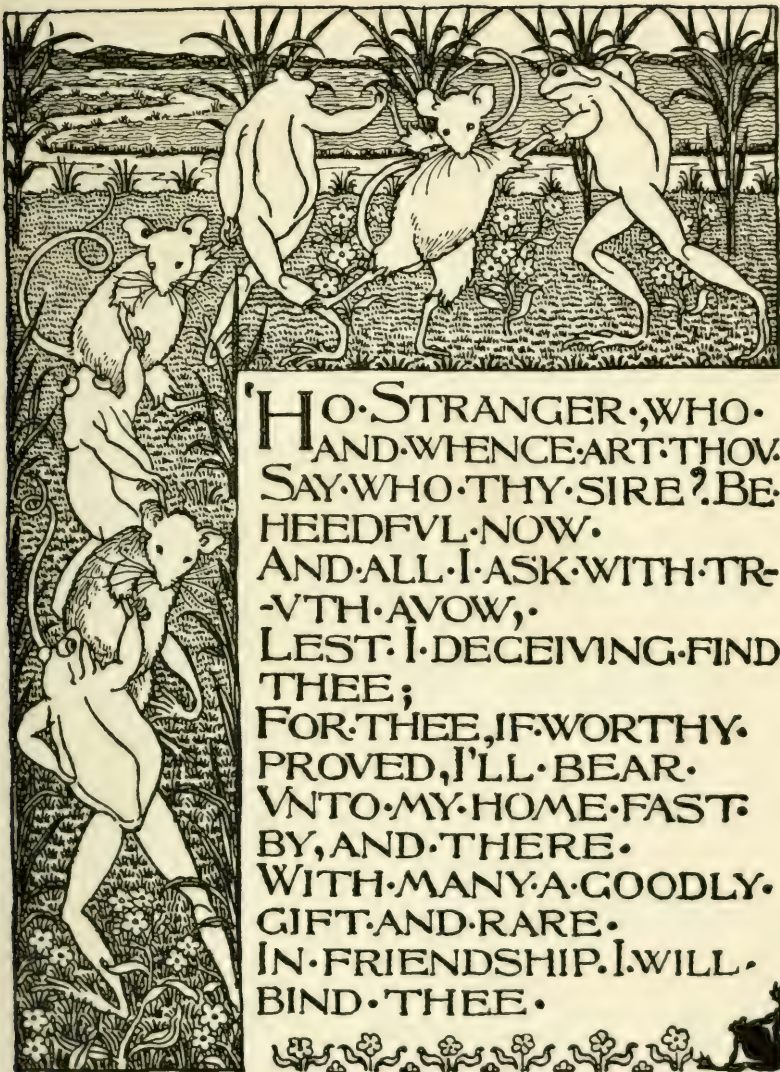




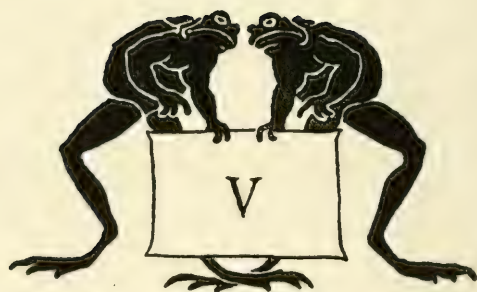
A THIRSTY MOVSE WHO'S^{E.}
 FLIGHT OVTSTRIPPED
 THE CAT'S GRIM CLAWS
 THAT ELSE HAD GRIPT
 AS IN A NEIGHBOVRING
 LAKE HE DIPT
 HIS DAINTY CHIN, PLEAS-
 ED GREATLY
 TO TASTE ITS WATERS
 HONIED TIDE,
 HIM DRINKING THVS,
 ANON ESPIED
 A LOVD-VOICED FROG,
 THE MARSHES' PRIDE,
 AND SPOKE IN ACCENTS
 STATELY.

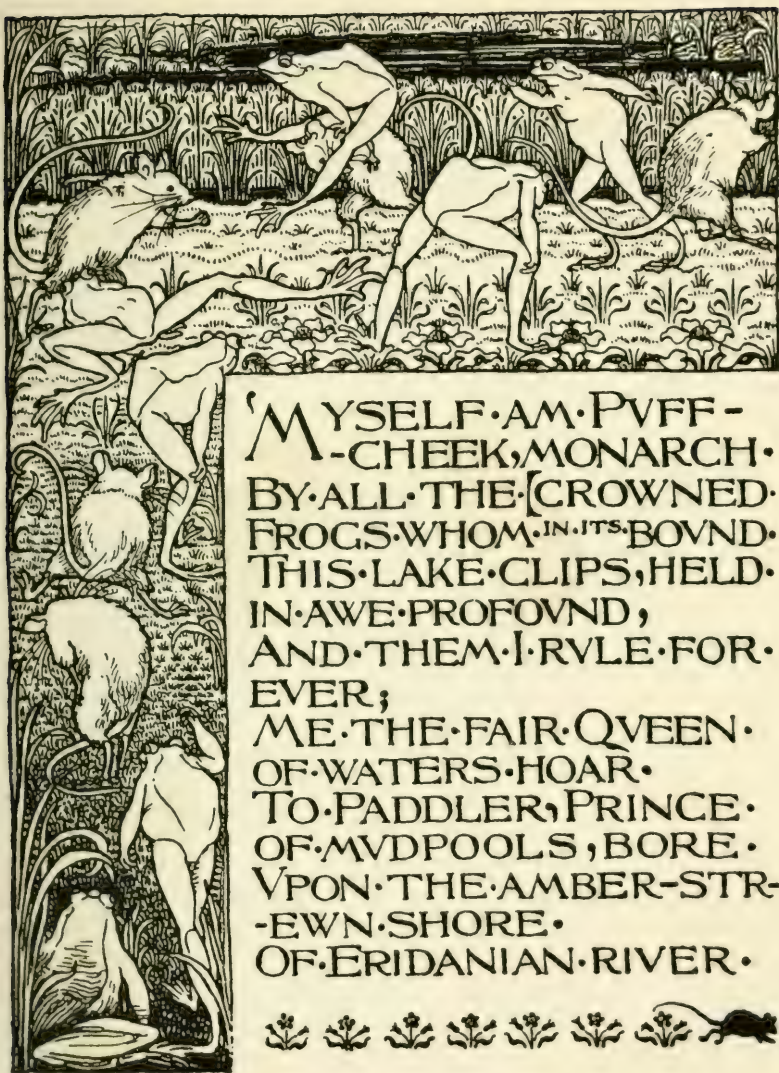






'HO·STRANGER;WHO·
 AND·WHENCE·ART·THOU·
 SAY·WHO·THY·SIRE?·BE·
 HEEDFUL·NOW·
 AND·ALL·I·ASK·WITH·TR-
 VTH·AVOW,
 LEST·I·DECEIVING·FIND
 THEE;
 FOR·THEE,IF·WORTHY·
 PROVED,I'LL·BEAR·
 VNTO·MY·HOME·FAST·
 BY,AND·THERE·
 WITH·MANY·A·GOODLY·
 GIFT·AND·RARE·
 IN·FRIENDSHIP·I·WILL·
 BIND·THEE·

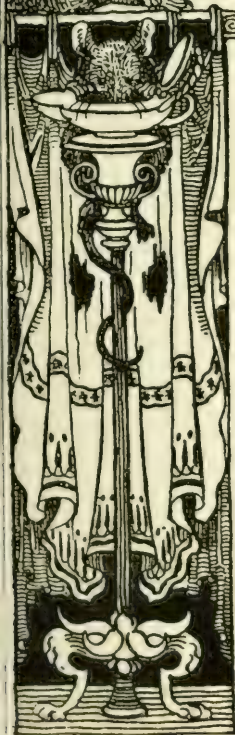




MYSELF·AM·PVFF-
M-CHEEK, MONARCH·
BY·ALL·THE·[CROWNED·
FROGS·WHOM·IN·ITS·BOVND·
THIS·LAKE·CLIPS, HELD·
IN·AWE·PROFOVND,
AND·THEM·I·RVLE·FOR·
EVER;
ME·THE·FAIR·QUEEN·
OF·WATERS·HOAR·
TO·PADDLER, PRINCE·
OF·MVDPOOLS, BORE·
Vpon·THE·AMBER-STR-
EWN·SHORE·
OF·ERIDANIAN·RIVER·







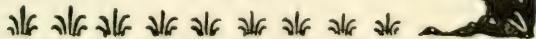
'AND·THEE·ABOVE·TMY·
 MÄTES·EXTOLLED·
 FOR·STRENGTH·AND·
 BEÄVTY·I·BEMOLD,
 Ä·SCEPTRED·KING,Ä·
 WÄRRIOR·BOLD·
 ON·FIELDS·OF·FIGHT·
 VNDÄVNTED·
 BVT·MÄSTE·THEE·NOW,
 ÄND·SPEEDILY·
 DECLÄRE·TO·ME·TMY·
 LINEÄGE·MIGM·
 ME·SÄID;TMEN·GRÄB·
 -CRVMB·MÄDE·REPLY,
 ÄND·IN·THESE·WORDS
 ME·VÄVNTED:







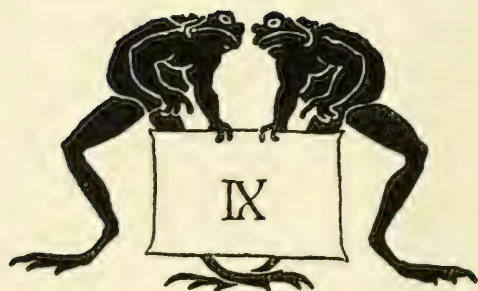
WMY·SEEKEST·THOV,
 FORSOOTH, TO·KNOW·
 MY·RACE·AND·NAME,
 BOTH·FAMED, I·TROW,
 'MONGST·GODS·ABOVE,
 AND·MEN·BELOW,
 AND·BIRDS·IN·MEAVEN·
 THAT·MOVER? 
 I, GRABCRUMB·MIGHT,
 FOR·FATHER·CLAIMED
 GNAWCRVST·CREAT-
 -SOVLED; MY·MOTMER
 OF·ROYAL·STOCK, (CAME·
 LICKMEAL·MER·NAME,
 MER·SIRE·THE·KING·
 HAMLOVER·







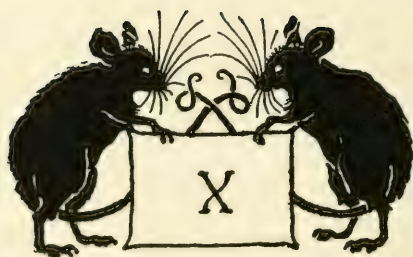
'ME·IN·SEQUESTERED·
 CELL·SME·BORE ,
 AND·THERE·WITH·FOOD
 A·PLENTEOVS·STORE,
 RIPE·FIGS,AND·NUTS,
 AND·DÄINTIES·MORE·
 OF·DIVERS·KINDS·SME·
 FED·ME ■ 
 AND·NEVER·ONCE·IN·
 FIERCEST·FIGHT·
 COULD·DEÄTM·ITSELF·
 MY·SOVL·ÄFFRIGHT,
 BVT·'MID·THE·THICKEST
 FRÄY·ÄRIGHT·
 MY·DÄVNTLESS·SPRITE·
 HÄTH·LED·ME ■ 

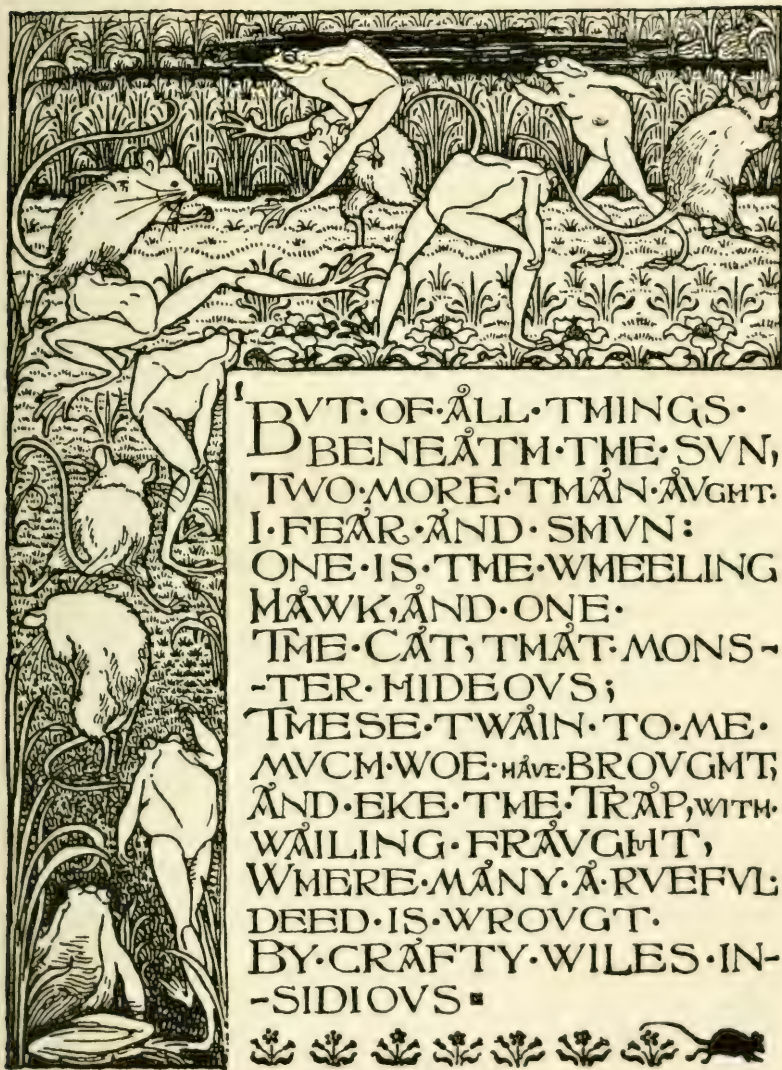




NOR·MÁN, THOVGH·HU-
 GE·MIS·SIZE, I·DREÁD,
 BVT·BOLDLY·LEÁPING·
 ON·MIS·BED,
 WHILE·SLUMBER·HOLDS
 MIS·MEÁVY·MEÁD,
 I·NIBBLE·ÁT·MIS·FINGE-
 (RS),
 OR·SOMETIMES·SEIZE·
 MIM·BY·THE·MEEL,
 YET·NOT·Á·PÁNG·THÁT·
 MÁN·DO·TH·FEEL;
 ÁND·SLEEP, THÁT·DID·
 MIS·EYELIDS·SEÁL,
 FOR·ÁLL·MY·BITING·
 LINGERS·



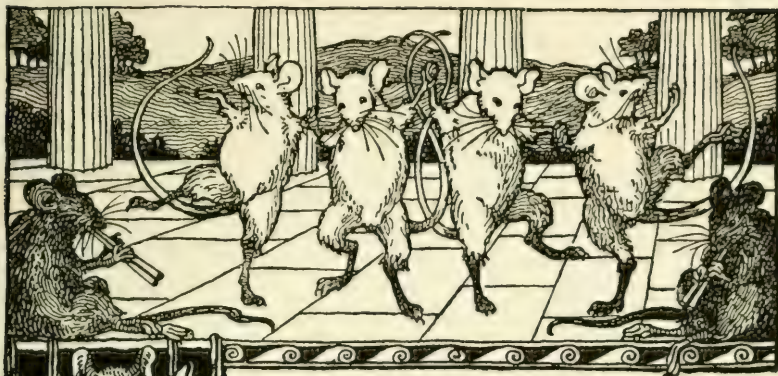




BVT. OF. ALL. THINGS.
 BENEATH. THE. SUN,
 TWO. MORE. THAN. AVGHT.
 I. FEAR. AND. SMVN:
 ONE. IS. THE. WHEELING
 MAWK, AND. ONE.
 THE. CAT, THAT. MONS-
 TER. HIDEOVS;
 THESE. TWAIN. TO. ME.
 MUCH. WOE. HAVE. BROVGT,
 AND. EKE. THE. TRAP, WITH.
 WAILING. FRAVGT,
 WHERE. MANY. A. RVEFVL
 DEED. IS. WROVGT.
 BY. CRAFTY. WILES. IN-
 SIDIOUS.







BUT MOST THE PEER-
 ING CAT FEAR I,
 BECAUSE, THE MOLE -
 MOVING LURKING NIGH,
 IN POINCING ON THE
 PASSER-BY.
 SOME MORRIBLY EXCEL-
 LETM.
 CAN WE, WHOM NATURE
 DOTM ASSIGN.
 SVCM DEVIOUS LOTS,
 BE FRIENDS? FOR TIME
 A WATERY LIFE DECREES
 BUT MINE.
 TO GNAW MEN'S GOODS
 IMPELLETM.







NOR·SCAPE·MY·KEEN-
 ER·SIGMT·AND·SMELL
 THRICE·LVSCIOVS·LOAVES
 FVLL-ORBED, THATSWELL
 IN·WICKER·BASKET·ROW-
 DED·WELL,
 NOR·DELICATE·WAFER·
 SPREADING·
 MER·BROADENING·BOR-
 DER·MEMS, FOR·THESE·
 ARE·ALL·BEDECKT·WITH·
 PLENTEOVS·CMEESE·
 AND·SESAME·Vpon·THE
 BREEZE·
 CELESTIAL·ODOVRS·
 SMEDDING;





'MAM-SLICE, NOR·LIV-
 -ERS·IN·THEIR·VEST·
 OF·SNOW·WHITE·FAT,
 NOR·CMEESE·NEW·PREST,
 NOR·MONEY·CAKE, THAT
 E'EN·THE·BLEST·
 YEARN·AFTER, NOTHING
 SCORNING; 
 NOR·AVGMT·THAT·SKIL
 -FUL·COOKS·PREPARE·
 FOR·MORTALS' FEASTS
 WITH·TOIL·AND·CARE,
 WITH·SVNDRY·SPICES·
 RICH·AND·RARE·
 THEIR·POTS·AND·
 PANS·ADORNING·

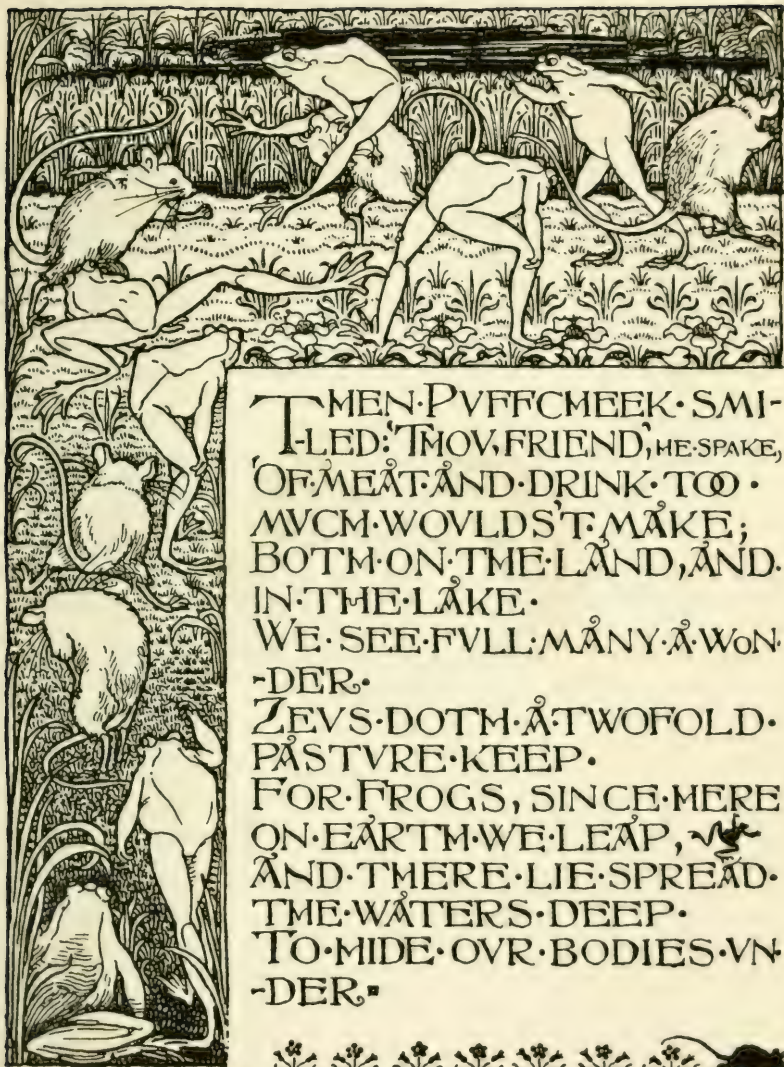






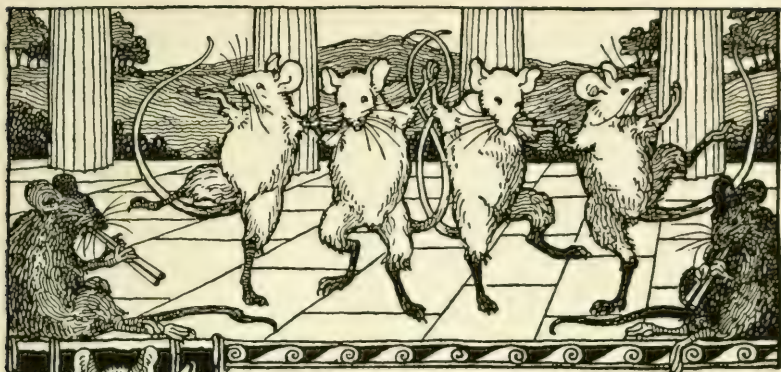
BVT·NEITMER·ROOT·
 B·OF·RÅDISM·RÅW,
 NOR·CRVMPLED·CÅB-
 BÅGE·LEÅF·I·GNÅW,
 NO·ROVND·ED·GOVRD·
 MY·BVS·Y·JÅW·
 MÅTM·NIBBLED·THROVGH,
 NOR·FEED·I·
 ON·WÅTER·ISM·LEEK·
 OR·PÅRSLEY·GREEN;
 SVCH·FÅRE·ÅS·THIS·
 YOVR·OWN·MÅTM·BEEN,
 'TIS·ALL·YON·LÅKE·ÅF-
 FORDS, I·WEEN,
 WHEREIN·YOVR·LIVES
 YE·LEÅD·ÅYE?





T·M·EN·P·V·F·F·C·M·E·E·K·S·M·I·
 L·E·D·:·T·M·O·V·F·R·I·E·N·D·,·H·E·S·P·A·K·E·,
 'O·F·M·E·A·T·A·N·D·D·R·I·N·K·T·O·O·
 M·V·C·M·W·O·U·L·D·S·T·M·A·K·E·;
 B·O·T·M·O·N·T·H·E·L·A·N·D·,·A·N·D·
 I·N·T·H·E·L·A·K·E·.
 W·E·S·E·E·F·V·L·L·M·A·N·Y·A·W·O·N·
 -D·E·R·.
 Z·E·V·S·D·O·T·M·A·T·W·O·F·O·L·D·
 P·A·S·T·V·R·E·K·E·E·P·.
 F·O·R·F·R·O·G·S·,·S·I·N·C·E·M·E·R·E
 O·N·E·A·R·T·H·W·E·L·E·A·P·,·
 A·N·D·T·H·E·R·E·L·I·E·S·P·R·E·A·D·
 T·H·E·W·A·T·E·R·S·D·E·E·P·.
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 -D·E·R·.

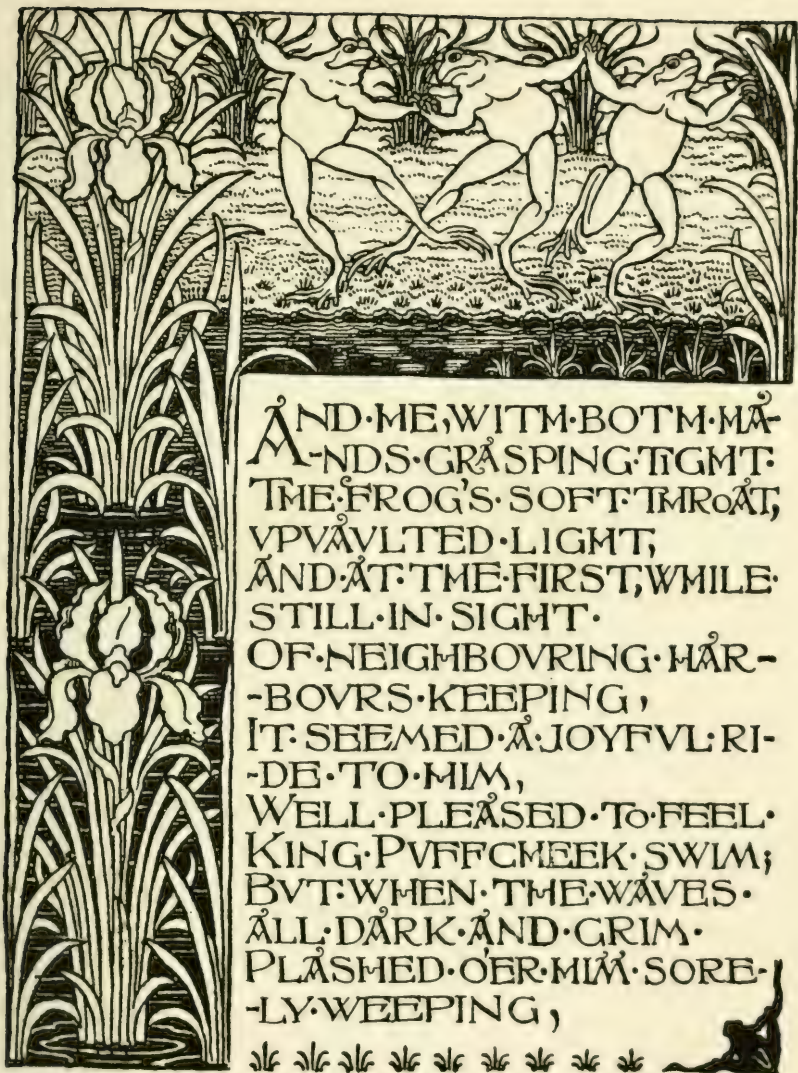




BVT·WOULD'ST·TMOV·EKE·
 TMESE·M̄ARVELS·VIEW,
 THĀT·WERE·AN·EASY·TH-
 ING·TO·DO -
 COME,MOVNT·MY·BĀCK,
 CLING·CLOSE·THERETO,
 SO·NEED'ST·TMOV·DREAD.
 NO·DĀNGER;
 FOR·TO·MY·HOME·IN·HIGH
 CONTENT.
 I'LL·BEĀR·THEE·STRAIGHT
 IF·TMOV·CONSENT.'
 THVS·PVFFCMEEK·SĀ-
 ID,AND·LOWLY·BENT.
 BEFORE·TME·WILLING·
 STRĀNGER.







AND ME, WITH BOTM MÅ
 M-ND S GRASPING TGMT.
 THE FROG'S SOFT TMRÖT,
 VPVÄLTED LIGHT,
 AND AT THE FIRST, WHILE
 STILL IN SIGHT.
 OF NEIGHBOVRING HAR-
 BOVRS KEEPING,
 IT SEEMED Å JOYFVL RI-
 DE TO MIM,
 WELL PLEASED TO FEEL
 KING PVFFCMEEK SWIM;
 BVT WHEN THE WAVES
 ALL DÅRK AND GRIM
 PLASHED OER MIM SORE-
 LY WEEPING,





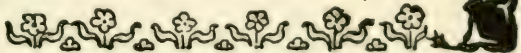
ME·CMID·REPENTANCE·
 STEADING·NÀVGHT,
 AND·TORE·MIS·HÀIR·LI-
 KE·ONE·DISTRÀVGHT,
 EACH·SHRINKING·FOOT
 THÀT·DRYNESS·SOVGHT
 BENEÀTM·HIS·BODY·SQ-
 VEEZING ;
 MEÀRT·SMÀKED·WITH·
 FEAR·BY·STRÀNGE^{NESS}·BRED,
 HE·LONGED·ONCE·MORE·
 TME·EÀRTH·TO·TREAD,
 AND·FÀINTLY·CROANED·
 FOR·ICY·DREÀD·
 MIS·VERY·SOVL·WÀS·FR-
 EEZING·



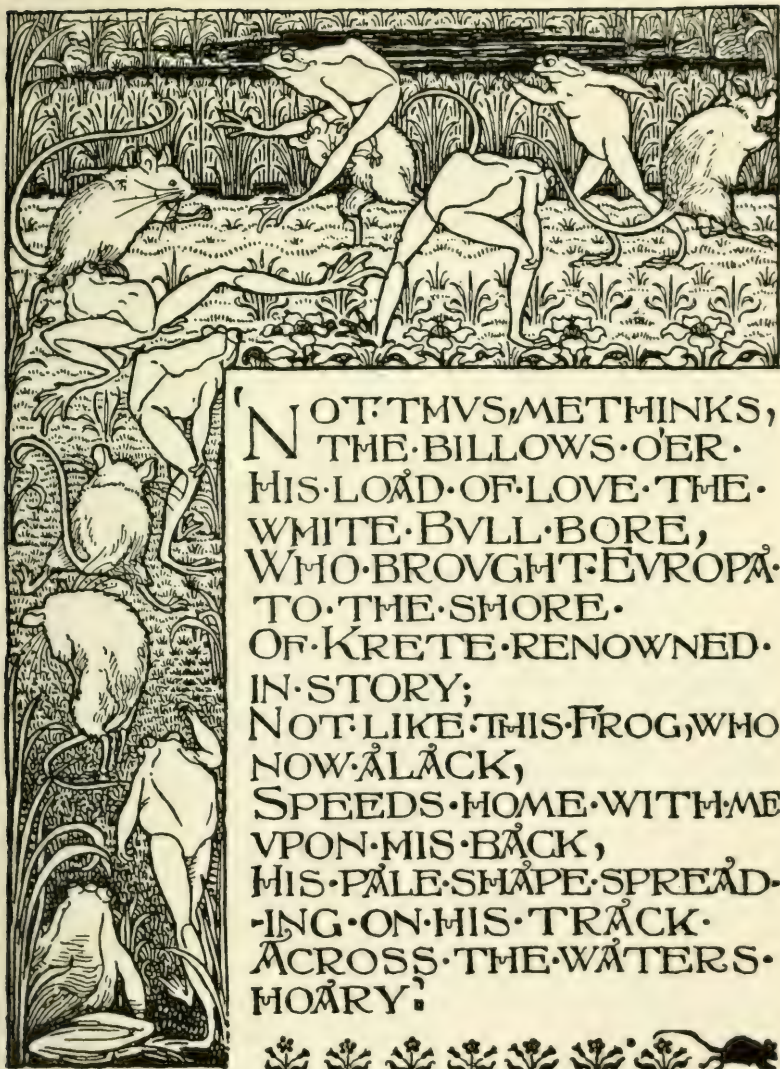




AND THROUGH THE TIDE ·
HIS OVTSTRETCHED TAIL ·
HE LIKE A STEERING OAR
LET TRAIL, 
WHILE HEAVEN WITH PR-
AYERS ME DID ASSAIL ·
FOR HELP SOON LAND-
WARD GUIDING;
BVT STILL THE DARK ·
WAVES OER HIM SWEEP,
AND LOVD AND LONG HE
WAILED AND WEPT,
NOR SILENCE THEN FROM
SPEECH HE KEPT,
BVT SPOKE HIS FORTV-
NE CHIDING :

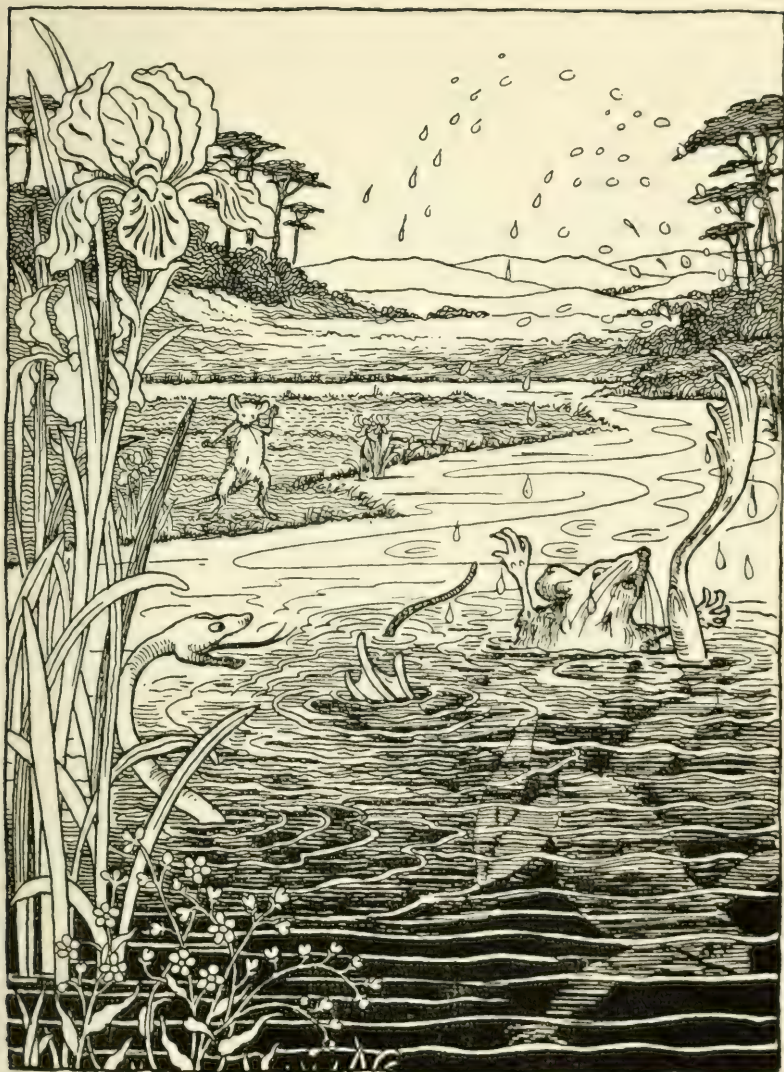






'NOT THIS, MERTHINKS,
 THE BILLOWS OER.
 HIS LOAD OF LOVE THE
 WHITE BVLL BORE,
 WHO BROUGHT EVROPA
 TO THE SHORE.
 OF KRETE RENOWNED
 IN STORY;
 NOT LIKE THIS FROG, WHO
 NOW ALACK,
 SPEEDS HOME WITH ME
 VPON HIS BACK,
 HIS PALE SHAPE SPREAD-
 ING ON HIS TRACK.
 ACROSS THE WATERS
 MOARY:









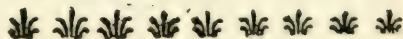
BVT·NOW·AN·AWFUL·SI-
 GHT·APPEARED,
 A·SIGHT·THAT·STOVT-
 -EST·HEARTS·HAD·FEARED;
 A·WATER-SNAKE·HIS·
 HEAD·VPREARED·
 ABOVE·THE·LAKE·FIERCE·
 -FROWNING;
 WHICH·PVFF·CHEEK·DID·
 ANON·PERCEIVE,
 AND·DIVED·HIS·OWN·ES-
 -CAPE·TO·ACHIEVE·
 INTENT,NOR·THOUGHT·
 IT·SHAME·TO·LEAVE·
 HIS·NOBLE·COMRADE·
 DROWNING·







DOWN·TO·THE·DARK·
 LAKE'S·DEPTHS·ME·SLID,
 WHERE,·SAVED·FROM·
 BITTER·DEATH·ME·MID·
 BY·ON·HIS·BACK·THE·
 WAVES·AMID·
 FELL·GRABCRUMB,·THVS·
 DESERTED, 
 AND·CLENCHED·HIS·HA-
 ·NDS,·AND·SQVEAKED·AMAIN·
 AND·OFTIMES·SANK,
 AND·OFT·AGAIN·
 ROSE·WILDLY·KICKING
 ALL·IN·VAIN,
 HIS·DOOM·WAS·VNAVER-
 ·TED·







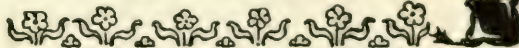
FOR·WETTED·MAIRS,
 A·BURDEN·GREAT,
 SOON·DRAGGED·MIM·
 DOWNWARD·BY·THEIR·WEIGHT
 AT·LAST·ME·CRIED,
 WHILE·CRUEL·FATE·
 HIS·SPEEDY·END·WAS·
 BRINGING:
 'DEEM·NOT·FALSE·FROG
 THY·WILES·CAN·SHVN·
 THE·FVLL·REWARD·THY·
 DEEDS·HAVE·WON,
 ME·FROM·THY·BACK,
 SHIPWRECKED·VNDONE
 AS·FROM·A·ROCK·LEDGE
 FLINGING·



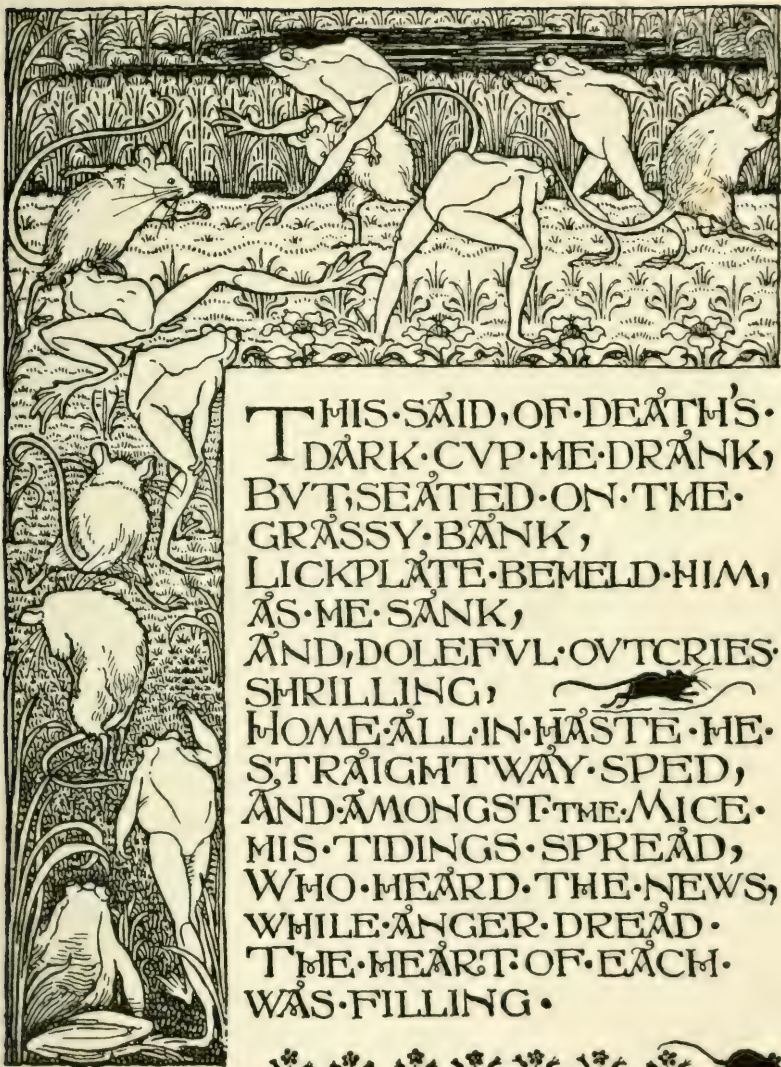




'NOT ON DRY LAND THOV.
CAITIFF WIGHT,
IN WRESTLING, RACE, OR
TOILSOME FIGHT,
HAD'ST THOV SVRPASSED
MY MATCHLESS MIGHT;
BVT HERE, MY STEPS BE-
TRAYING,
HAST ME INTO THE WAT-
-ER THRUST.
YET GOD QVITES ALL;
FOR THIS THOV MVST
TO MICE-TROOPS MAKE
ATONEMENT JVST,
NOR SMALT THOV SHVN
TMEIR SLAYING?



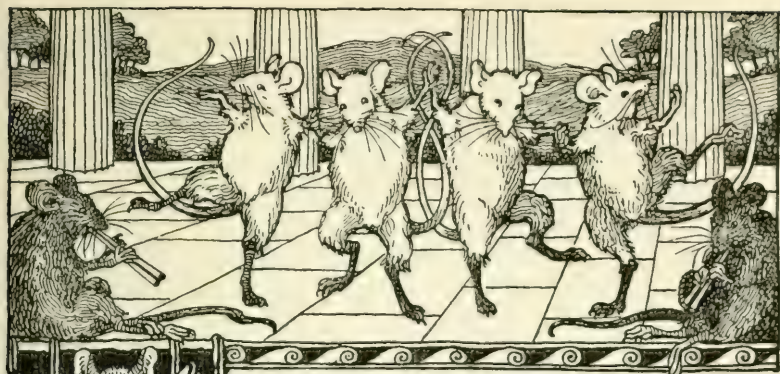




THIS SAID, OF DEATH'S.
 DARK CUP ME DRANK,
 BUT SEATED ON THE
 GRASSY BANK,
 LICKPLATE BEMELD HIM,
 AS ME SANK,
 AND DOLEFUL OVERTCRIES
 SHRILLING, 
 HOME ALL IN HASTE HE
 STRAIGHTWAY SPED,
 AND AMONGST THE MICE
 HIS TIDINGS SPREAD,
 WHO HEARD THE NEWS,
 WHILE ANGER DREAD
 THE HEART OF EACH
 WAS FILLING.



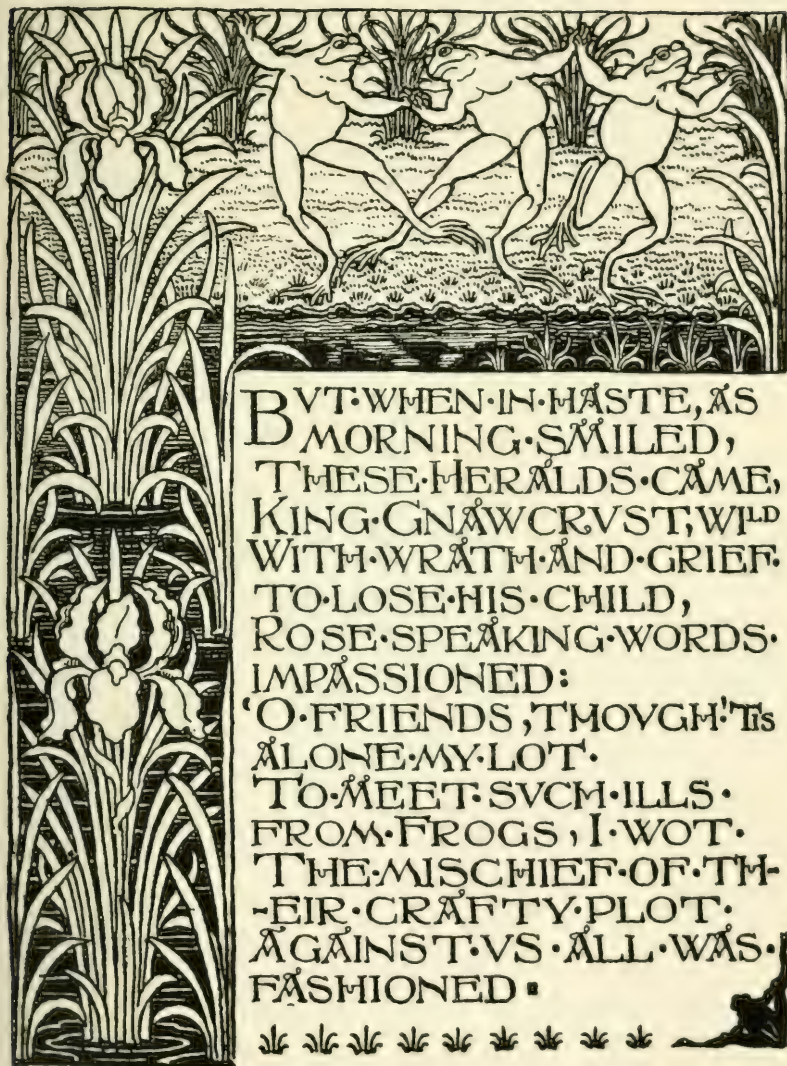




THEN·MARKET·WARDS.
 AT·BREAK·OF·DAY.
 THEY·BADE·THEIR·MERALDS
 TAKE·THEIR·WAY,
 THE·MOVRNFVL·TALE·
 WITHOVT·DELAÿ,
 TO·GNÄWC RVST'S·MALLS
 TO·CARRY.
 THAT·SIRE·HELD·LVCK-
 LESS·GRÄBCRVMB·DEÄR,
 WHOSE·CORSE·NOW,FLOÄ
 TING·IN·THE·MERE,
 SWÄM·ON·THE·MIDMOST·
 TIDE,NOR·NEÄR·
 THE·SHORE·MIGHT·LON-
 GER·TÄRRY·







BVT·WHEN·IN·HASTE, AS
 MORNING·SMILED,
 THESE·HERALDS·CAME,
 KING·GNAWCRVST, W^{LD}
 WITH·WRATH·AND·GRIEF.
 TO·LOSE·HIS·CHILD,
 ROSE·SPEAKING·WORDS·
 IMPASSIONED:
 'O·FRIENDS, TMOUGH·T^S
 ALONE·MY·LOT·
 TO·MEET·SVCM·ILLS·
 FROM·FROGS, I·WOT·
 THE·MISCHIEF·OF·TH·
 -EIR·CRAFTY·PLOT·
 AGAINST·VS·ALL·WAS·
 FASHIONED·





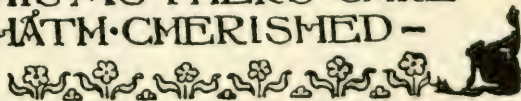
'AND·NOW·AM·I·INDEED·
 FORLORN,
 SINCE·THREE·FAIR·SONS
 I·NEEDS·MVST·MOVRN·
 THE·FIRST·MATH·PER-
 -ISHED, FROM·ME·TORN·
 BY·CAT'S·FIERCE·TALONS
 MANGLED;
 MARD·BY·MIS·MOLE·THE·
 WRETCH·WAS·SLAIN·
 THE·NEXT·BY·SAVAGE·
 MEN·WAS·TAKEN,
 DRAWN·TO·HIS·DOOM,
 NOR·SEEN·AGAIN,
 THROUGH·HATEFUL·
 ARTS·NEW·FANGLED.



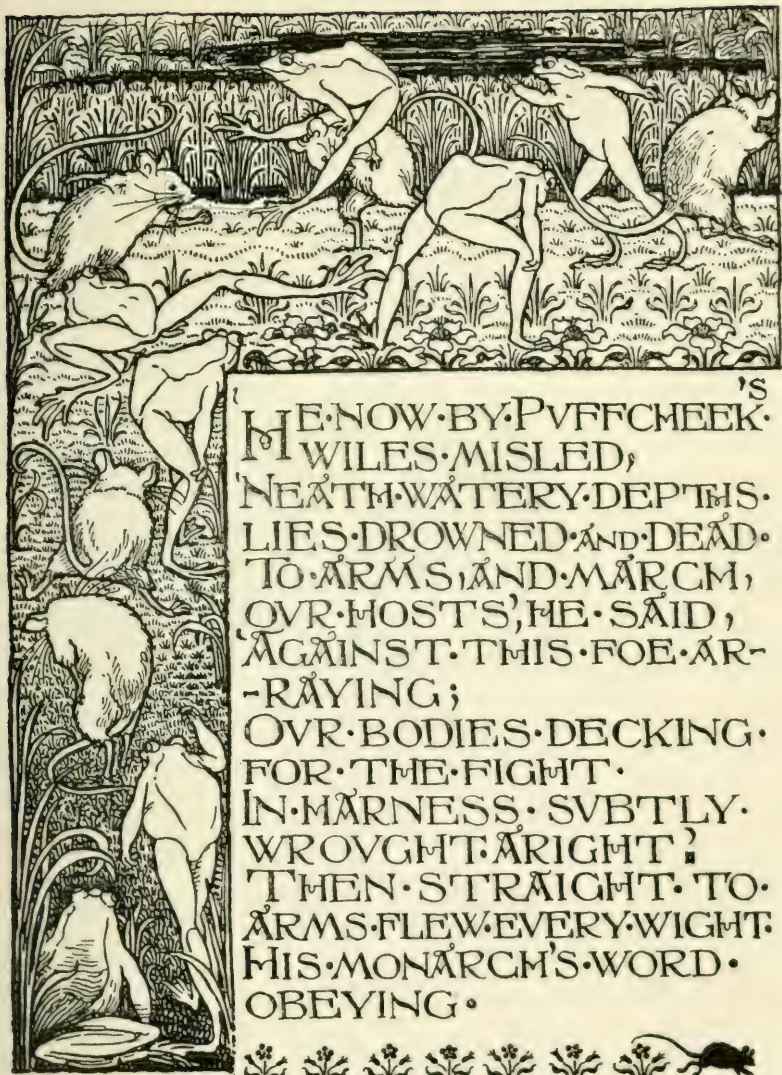




'FOR THEY ON DEEDS OF
 SLAUGHTER BENT,
 A WOOD-WROUGHT WO-
 RK OF GVILE INVENT,
 YCLEPT A TRAP, THERE-
 IN PENT.
 FVLL MANY A MOVSE
 HATH PERISHED.
 BVT NOW THE THIRD MY
 YOUNGEST SON,
 MOST DEAR, ALAS, TO ME
 VNDONE,
 WHOM, SINCE MIS LIFE
 WAS FIRST BEGVN.
 MIS MOTHER'S CARE
 HATH MERISHED -



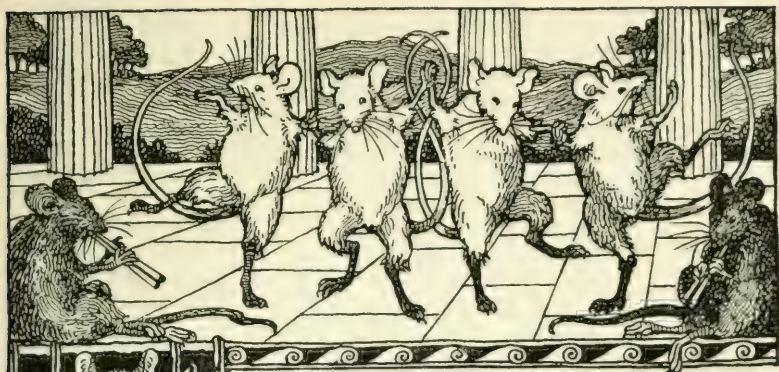




'HE NOW BY PVFFCHEEK'S
 WILES MISLED,
 'NEATH WATERY DEPTHS
 LIES DROWNED AND DEAD.
 TO ARMS, AND MARCH,
 OVR HOSTS' HE SAID,
 'AGAINST THIS FOE AR-
 RAYING;
 OVR BODIES DECKING
 FOR THE FIGHT.
 IN MARNESS SVBTLY
 WROUGHT ARIGHT?
 THEN STRAIGHT TO
 ARMS FLEW EVERY WIGHT
 HIS MONARCH'S WORD
 OBEYING.







AND FIRST THEIR LEGS.
 WITH GREAVES TO FIT
 THE PALE GREEN BEANS
 IN TWAIN THEY SPLIT,
 WHOSE PODS BY NIGHT
 THEY GNAWED AND BIT.
 THE WORK ADVANCING
 FLEETLY. 
 THEIR BREASTPLATES
 WERE OF LEATHER MADE
 WITH POINTED REEDS
 ALL OVERLAIN,
 TO GAIN THE SKIN A
 CAT WAS FLAYED,
 AND THEY WERE FASH-
 IONED FEATLY.

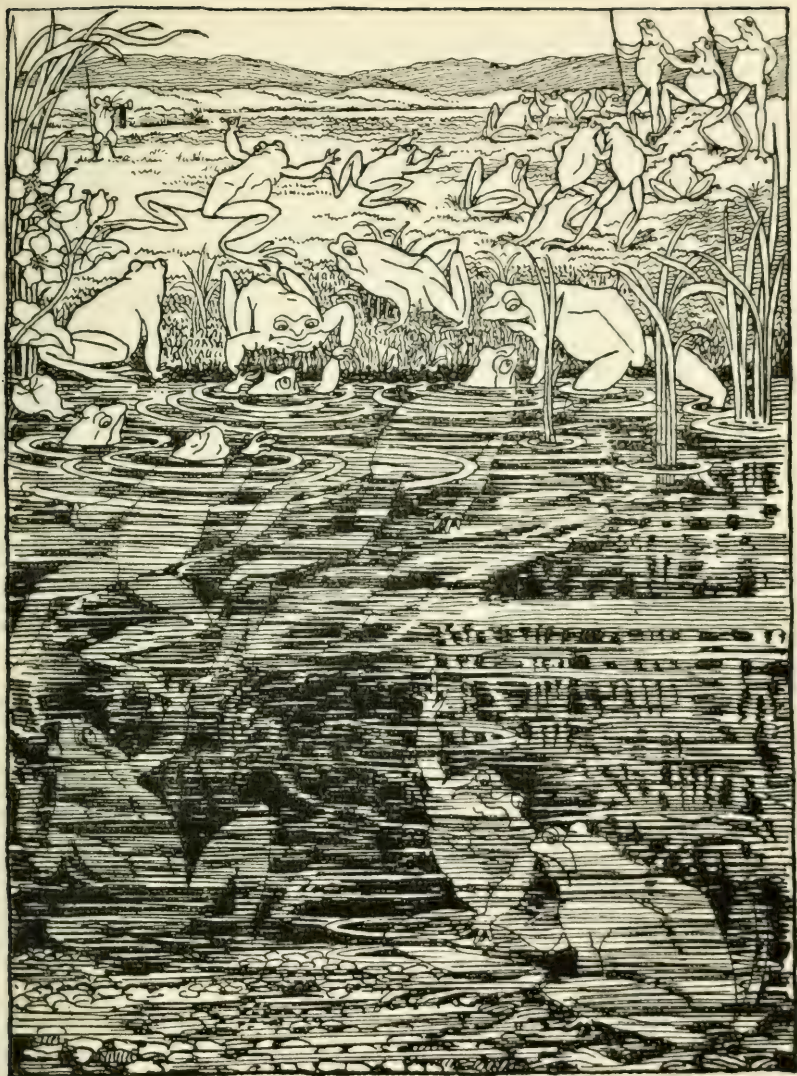






THE·METAL·FOR·EACH
 WARRIOR'S·SHIELD·
 A·HAND·LAMP'S·MIDMOST
 BOSS·MUST·YIELD·
 LONG·NEEDLES·AS·A·
 SPEAR·THEY·WEILD,
 IN·COMBAT·FIERCELY·
 SHAKEN,
 SHEER·BRASS,·FOR·MAR-
 -TIAL·DEEDS·DESIGNED;
 AND·FOR·A·HELM·THEIR·
 BROWS·TO·BIND,
 THE·WRINKLED·MUSK·
 WHEREIN·YE·FIND·
 THE·CHICKPEA'S·FRV-
 -IT·WAS·TAKEN·

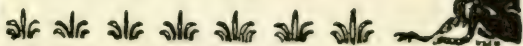








THVS·CAP·A·PIE·THE·
 MICE·WERE·ARMED;
 WHICH·WHEN·THE·FRO-
 GS·PERCEIVED·ALARMED
 VP·FROM·THE·WATERS·
 BRINK·THEY·SWARMED,
 AND·TOWARD·ONE·PLACE
 REPAIRING,  
 DID·THERE·IN·WARLIKE
 CONCLAVE·SIT·
 BVT·WHILE·THEY·SOV-
 GHT·THE·CAUSE·TO·WIT·
 THAT·SVCH·A·FLAME·OF·
 WRATH·HAD·LIT,
 AND·WHENCE·THE·DIS-
 CORD, BEARING·



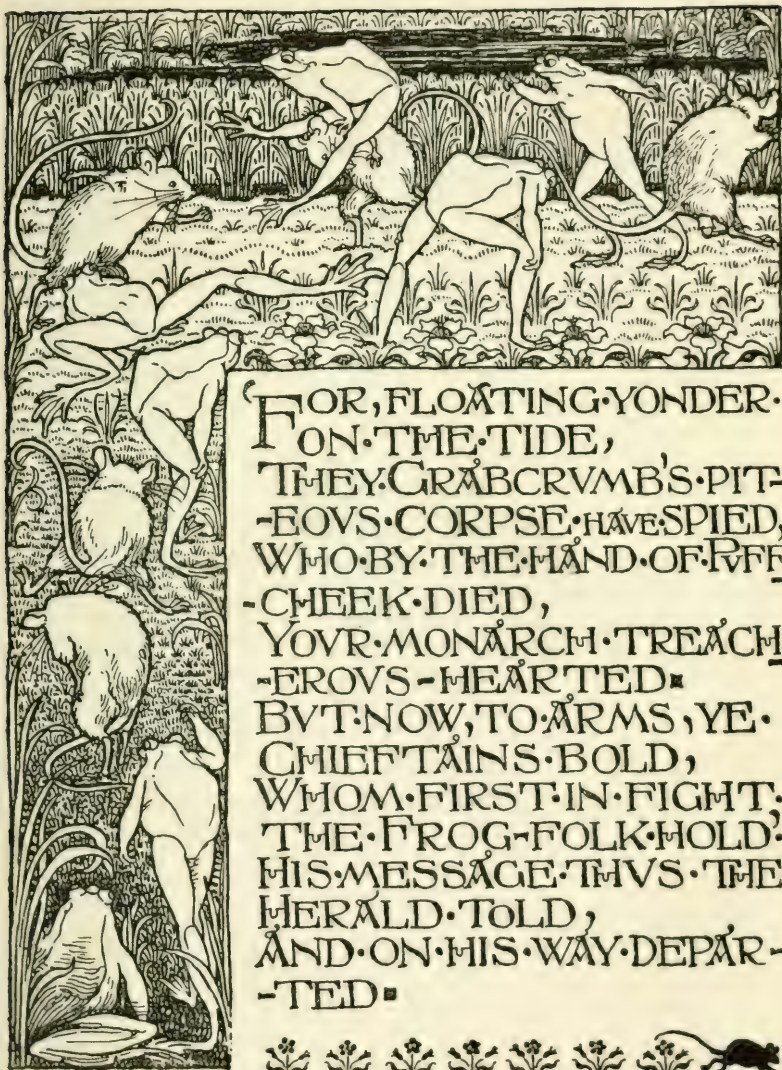




HIS STAFF IN HAND, A
 MERALD CAME,
 GREAT-HEARTED SCOP-
 -CMEESE'S SON, BY NAME.
 AS MAVNTPOT KNOWN,
 WHO DID PROCLAIM
 HIS HOSTILE ERRAND,
 SAYING:
 'ME, O YE FROGS, ON VEN-
 -CEANCE BENT,
 WITH MANY A THREAT THE
 MICE HAVE SENT
 TO BID YOV ARM, YOV
 HOSTS INTENT
 ON WAR AND STRIFE.
 ARRAYING.







FOR, FLOATING YONDER.
 ON THE TIDE,
 THEY GRAB CRUMB'S PIT-
 EOUS CORPSE HAVE SPIED,
 WHO BY THE HAND OF RUFF-
 -CHEEK DIED,
 YOUR MONARCH TREACH-
 -EROUS HEARTED.
 BUT NOW, TO ARMS, YE
 CHIEFTAINS BOLD,
 WHOM FIRST IN FIGHT
 THE FROG-FOLK HOLD;
 HIS MESSAGE THUS THE
 HERALD TOLD,
 AND ON HIS WAY DEPAR-
 -TED.







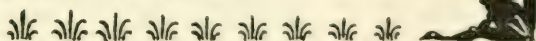
BUT EVERY FROG'S PRO-
 VD HEART WAS STIRRED.
 WITH TROUBLE BY EACH
 LOFTY WORD;
 THEN PUFF CHEEK, WHEN
 ANON HE HEARD.
 ALL SHAME VPON HIM CRY-
 ING.
 STOOD FORTH AND ANS-
 WERED: FRIENDS NOT I.
 THIS MOUSE PRINCE SLEW
 NOR SAW HIM DIE;
 METHINKS THE LAKE'S
 MARGE SPORTING NIGH
 HE MET HIS FATE IN TRY-
 ING.







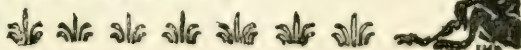
'TO·IMITATE·THE·SWIM·
 T·MING·GRACE·
 OF·FROGS;BVT·NOW·HIS·
 PEOPLE·BASE·
 ACCVSE·ME·GUILTLESS·
 TO·MY·FACE,
 THOVGH·HARM·I·NEVER·
 DID·THEM·
 COME,SEEK·WE·HERE·
 SOME·SAGE·DEVICE·
 TO·EXTIRPATE·THESE·
 CRAFTY·MICE;
 AND·THVS·FOR·SORVNS·
 MY·ADVICE,
 I·TROW·WE·BEST·MAY·
 RID·THEM:







V P O N . T H E . V T M O S T . B R -
 I N K . O V R . B A N D .
 A L L . A R M E D . F O R . F I G H T .
 S H O U L D . T A K E . T H E I R . S T A N D
 B E S I D E . T H E . L A K E , W H E R E .
 C L O S E . A T . M A N D .
 T H E . S L O P I N G . B A N K . S I N K S
 S H E E R E S T ;
 A N D . W H E N . T H E . F O E . W I T H
 F E L L . O N S L A V G M T .
 A G A I N S T . V S . R V S H , T H E N .
 Q U I C K . A S . T H O V G M T .
 E A C H . W A R R I O R , B Y . T H E .
 H E L M E T . C A U G H T .
 A S . H E . A P P R O A C H E T H .
 N E A R E S T ,

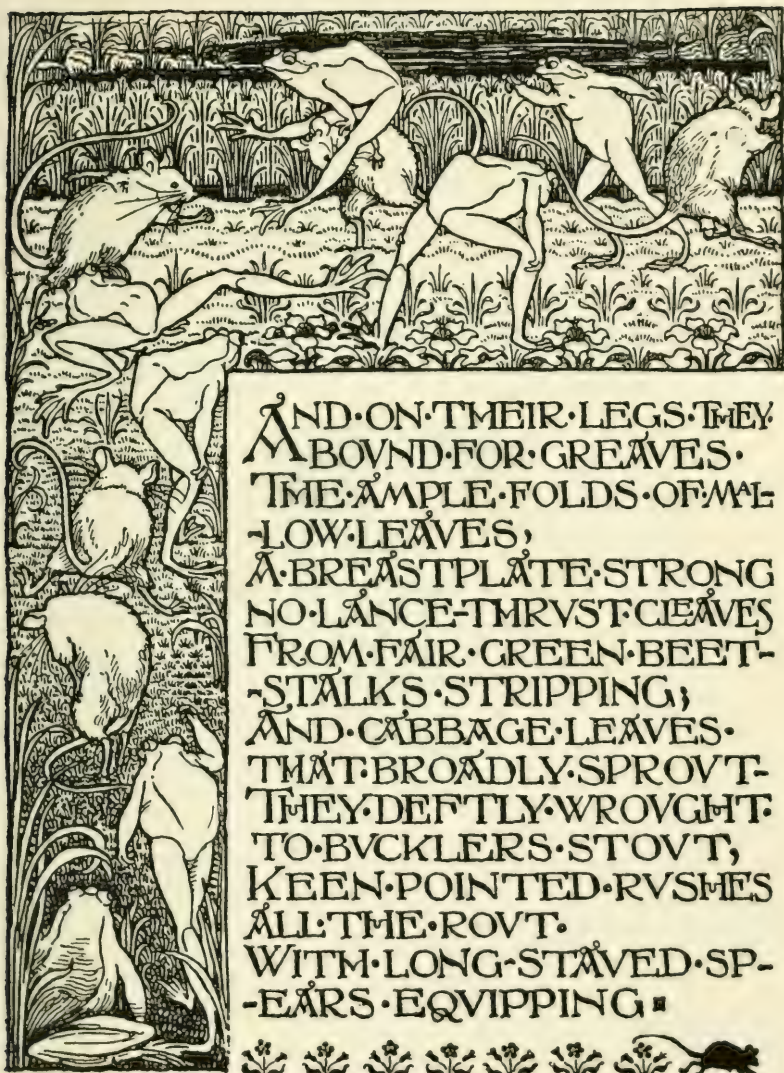






WE HELM AND ALL MAY
 MVRLEADOWN.
 WHERE FAR BENEATH THE
 BLACK DEPTHS FROWN;
 FOR THVS WHEN WE HA-
 VE WATCHED THEM DROWN,
 BY SKILL TO SWIM VNAIDED
 WE ALL MAY REAR TO HE-
 ARTS DELIGHT.
 A TROPHY OF MOUSE-MVR-
 DERING FIGHT?
 THEN STRAIGHT TO ARMS
 FLEW EVERY WIGHT,
 BY PVFFCHEEK'S SPEECH
 PERSVADED.





AND ON THEIR LEGS THEY
ABOVD FOR GREAVES.
THE AMPLE FOLDS OF ME-
LOW LEAVES,
A BREASTPLATE STRONG
NO LANCE THRVST CEAVES
FROM FAIR GREEN BEET-
STALKS STRIPPING,
AND CABBAGE LEAVES
THAT BROADLY SPROVT
THEY DEFTLY WROGHT
TO BVCKLERS STOV'T,
KEEN POINTED RVSHES
ALL THE ROVT
WITH LONG STAVED SP-
EARS EQVIPPING.







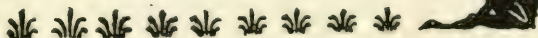
AND·O'ER·THEIR·HEADS·
 DEFENDED·WELL·
 THE·HORNS·OF·LITTLE·
 SNAILS·THAT·DWELL·
 IN·TRAVELLING·HOMES·
 OF·WHORLED·SMELL·
 FOR·HELMET·PLUMES·
 WERE·WAVING·
 THUS·PANOPIED, IN·WAR·
 LIKE·MOOD·
 VPON·THE·LOFTY·BANKS
 THEY·STOOD,
 AND·SHOOK·THEIR·SPEA-
 RS, WHILE·WRATH·IMBVED
 THEIR·SOVLS·FOR·COMBAT
 CRAVING·







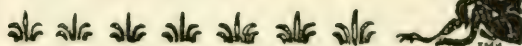
BVT·NOW·IN·HEAVENS·
 STARRY·HALL·
 ZEVS·DID·THE·GODS·TO-
 -GETHER·CALL,
 AND·SHOWED·THAT·MAR-
 -TIAL·CONCOURSE·ALL·
 OF·WARRIORS·BRAVE·AND
 MIGHTFUL,
 IN·NUMBERS·VAST,·AND·
 LARGE·OF·LIMB,
 LONG·SPEAR·SHAFTS·WIE-
 -LDING;·IN·SUCH·TRIM·
 MARCH·MONSTROUS·HOS-
 -TS·OF·GIANTS·GRIM,
 AND·CENTAUR·LEGIONS
 FRIGHTFUL·





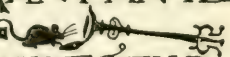


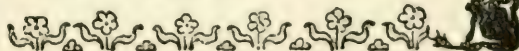
THEN ASKED, AND SMILED
 THE SIGHT TO SEE.
 WHICH GOD THE MICE'S
 FRIEND WOULD BE,
 THE FROGS' WHICH DÄ-
 VGHTER MINE SAID HE,
 'ATHÊNÊ, THITHER SPEED-
 -ING,
 THOV'LT AID THE MICE?
 FOR EVERMORE.
 THEY FRISK ABOV'T THY
 TEMPLE-FLOOR,
 ON ODOROV'S FAT AND
 DIVERS STORE
 OF DÄINTIES SWEETLY
 FEEDING'



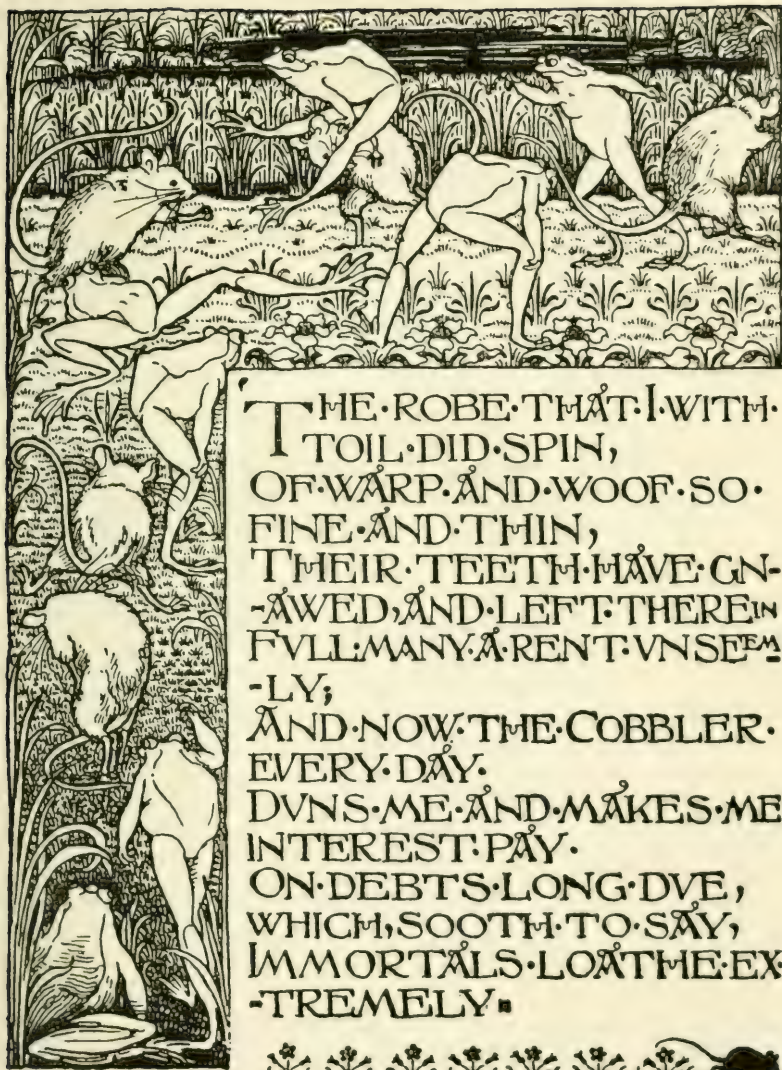




THVS·ZEVS;BVT·THEN·
 THE·HEAVENLY·MAID:
 'O·SIRE,NOT·IN·SOOTH,
 SHE·SAID,
 'WILL·FORTH·THESE·MA-
 RASSED·MICE·TO·AID,
 WHENCE·MANY·AN·ILL·
 BETID·ME·
 FOR·OFT·MY·WREATH·DECKT·
 SHRINES·THEY·SPOIL,
 AND·BREAK·MY·LAMPS·IN·
 QVEST·OF·OIL·
 BVT·MOST·WITH·WRATH·
 MY·BLOOD·DOTH·BOIL·
 AT·THIS·SHREWD·TVRN·
 THEY·DID·ME:



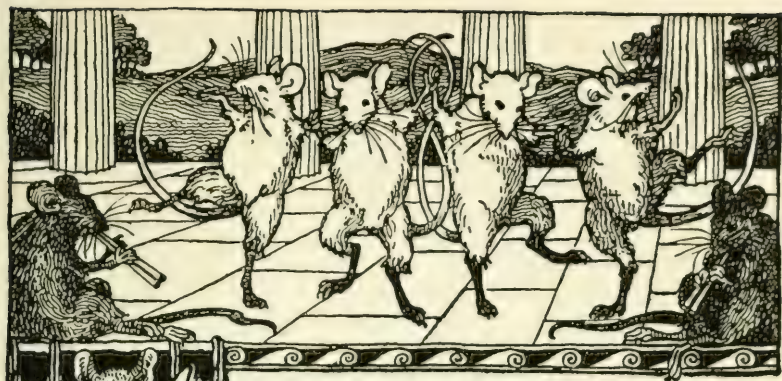




'THE ROBE THAT I WITH
TOIL DID SPIN,
OF WARP AND WOOF SO
FINE AND THIN,
THEIR TEETH HAVE GN-
AWED AND LEFT THEREIN
FULL MANY A RENT VNSEEM-
-LY;
AND NOW THE COBBLER
EVERY DAY
DVNS ME AND MAKES ME
INTEREST PAY.
ON DEBTS LONG DVE,
WHICH, SOOTH TO SAY,
IMMORTALS LOATHE EX-
-TREMELY.







'FOR, BORROWING · THREAD
 I · SPUN, AND · LACK ·
 THE MEANS · TO · PAY · THE ·
 LENDER · BACK ·
 BUT NONE · THE MORE · TO ·
 GUARD · FROM · WRACK ·
 THE FROGS · I · FORTH · HAVE
 SPEEDED;
 FOR EKE · A · WITLESS · FOLK
 ARE · THEY,
 WEAK · MINDED; 'T WAS · BUT
 YESTERDAY,
 WAR · WORN · AND · WEARY · FR-
 OM · THE · FRAY ·
 WHEN · SLEEP · I · SORELY ·
 NEEDED,







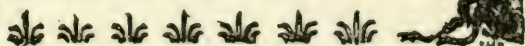
THEIR·SENSELESS·
 CLAMOUR·ROSE·ON·HIGH,
 NOR·SUFFERED·ME·TO·
 CLOSE·AN·EYE;
 ALL·NIGHT·I·NEEDS·MUST
 SLEEPLESS·LIE·
 WITH·THROBBING·TEMPLES
 ACHING,
 TILL·COCKS·CREW·OVT
 AT·MORNING·TIDE -
 BUT·COME·YE·GODS, FOR-
 BEAR', SHE·CRIED,
 'TO·GIVE·THEM·AID·ON·
 EITHER·SIDE,
 LEST·PART·IN·CONFLICT
 TAKING,



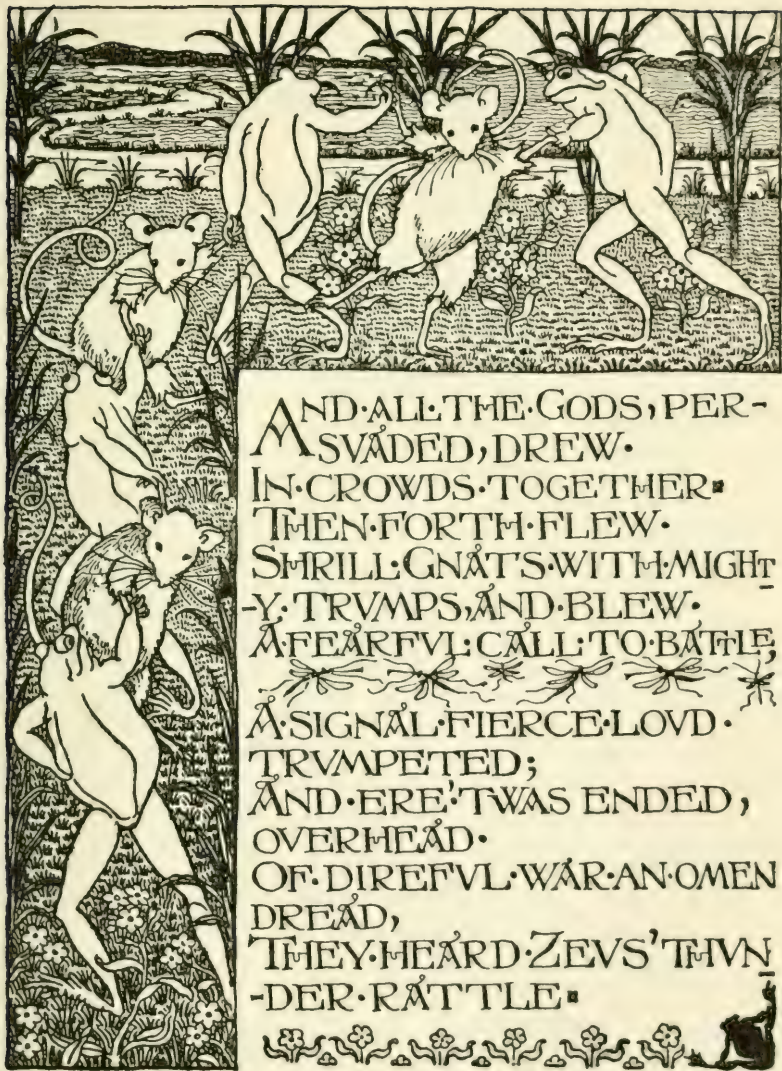




SOME·ONE·OF·VS·BY·
 DIRE·MISCHANCE·
 BE·HVRT·WITH·KEEN·
 -EDGED·DART·OR·LANCE;
 FOR·HAND·TO·HAND·THESE
 DARE·ADVANCE·
 GAINST·EVEN·A·GOD·AS·
 -SAILING·
 BVT·SO·FROM·HEAVEN'S
 SECVREST·HEIGHT·
 WE·GAZING·DOWN·MAY·
 WATCH·THEIR·FIGHT·
 AND·STRVGGLE·TO·OVR
 MEARTS·DELIGHT·
 THVS·SHE·WITH·WORDS
 PREVAILING·



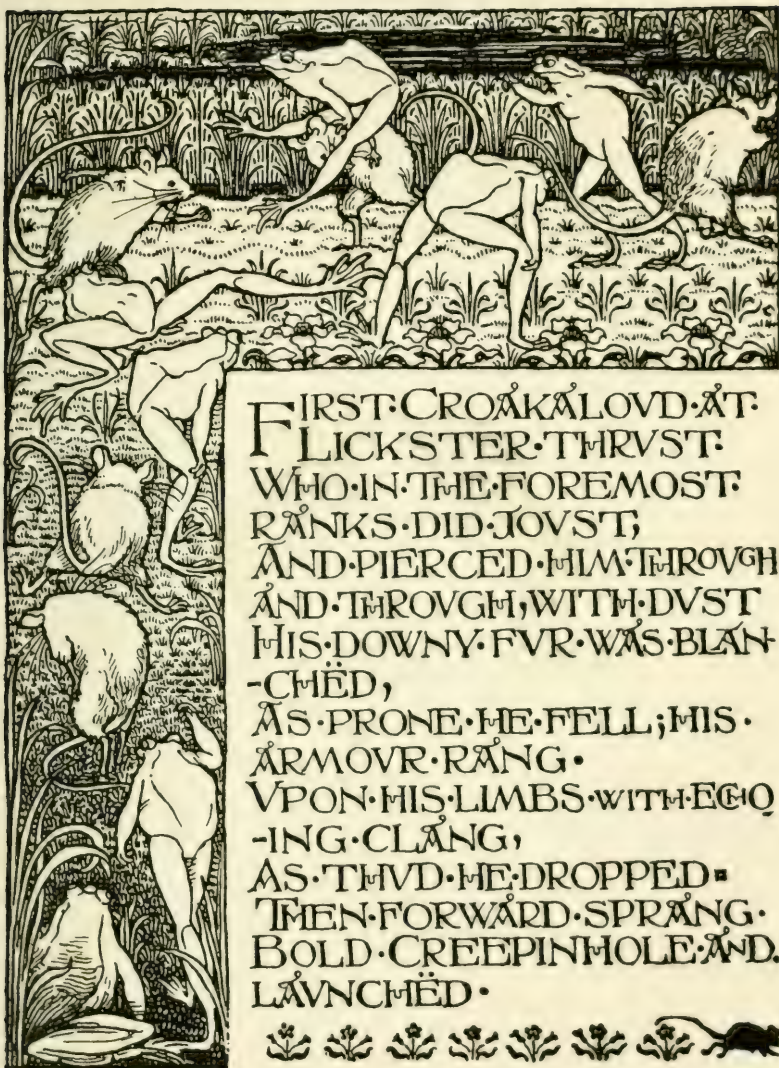




AND ALL THE GODS, PER-
 SVADED, DREW.
 IN CROWDS TOGETHER,
 THEN FORTH FLEW.
 SHRILL GNATS WITH MIGHT-
 Y TRUMPS, AND BLEW.
 A FEARFUL CALL TO BATTLE,
 A SIGNAL FIERCE LOUD.
 TRUMPETED;
 AND ERE 'T WAS ENDED,
 OVERHEAD.
 OF DREADFUL WAR AN OMEN
 DREAD,
 THEY HEARD ZEVS' THUN-
 DER RATTLE.







FIRST CROAKALOVD AT
 LICKSTER THRUST
 WHO IN THE FOREMOST
 RANKS DID JOUST,
 AND PIERCED HIM THROUGH
 AND THROUGH, WITH DVST
 HIS DOWNY FUR WAS BLAN-
 CHED,
 AS PRONE HE FELL; HIS
 ARMOVR RANG
 VPON HIS LIMBS WITH ECHO-
 ING CLANG,
 AS THVD HE DROPPED
 THEN FORWARD SPRANG
 BOLD CREEPINHOLE AND
 LAUNCHED

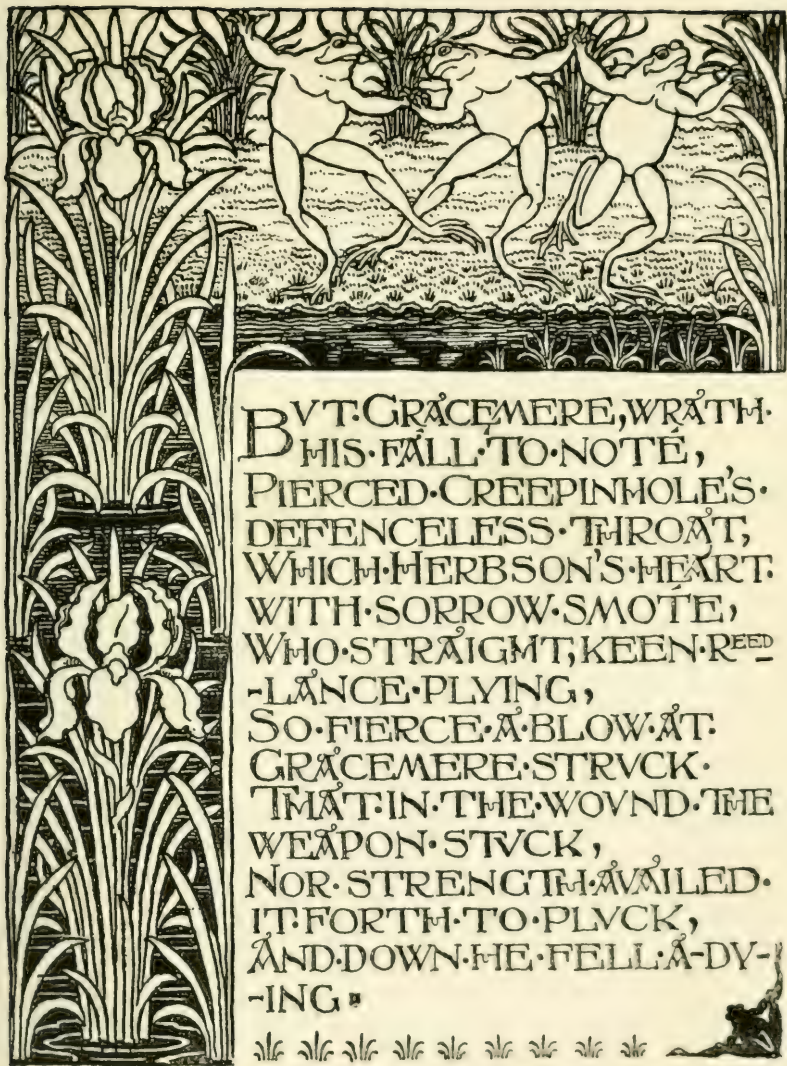




HIS·GLITTERING·SPEAR;
 THE·STURDY·STAVE·
 IN·MVDSON'S·BREAST·WAS·
 FIXED,·AND·GAVE·
 BLACK·DEATH·HIS·DVE;
 HIS·SPIRIT·BRAVE·
 FLEW·FLVTTTERING·FORTH·
 THEN·BEETLY·
 SLEW·MÄVNT·POT·PIER-
 -CED·TO·HIS·HEÄRT'S·ÖRE
 AND·MVNCH·CAKE·WOVND-
 -ED·MVCH·VOICE·SORE,
 WHO·HEÄDLONG·FELL·AND
 ROSE·NO·MORE,
 HIS·SOVL·FORTH·FLVTTTER-
 -ING·FLEETLY·





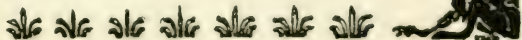


BVT. GRACEMERE, WRATH.
 HIS. FALL. TO. NOTE,
 PIERCED. CREEPINMOLE'S.
 DEFENCELESS. THROAT,
 WHICH. HERBSON'S. HEART.
 WITH. SORROW. SMOTE,
 WHO. STRAIGHT, KEEN. REED-
 -LANCE. PLYING,
 SO. FIERCE. A. BLOW. AT.
 GRACEMERE. STRVCK.
 THAT. IN. THE. WOVND. THE
 WEAPON. STVCK,
 NOR. STRENGTH. AVAILED.
 IT. FORTH. TO. PLVCK,
 AND. DOWN. HE. FELL. A. DY-
 -ING.





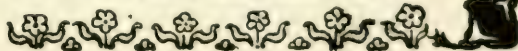
NEXT·LICKSTER·POISED
 HIS·SMINING·SPEAR,
 NOR·MISSED·HIS·MÄRK·BVT
 SMOTE·HIM·SHEER·
 I'·THE·LIVER;·THEN·IN·FLI-
 -GHT·DREW·NEÄR·
 MYNCHWORT·WHOM·LICK-
 -STER·SPYING·
 ÄLONG·THE·DEEP·GRÄS-
 -SED·BÄNK·PVR·SVED,
 NOR·STÄYED·FROM·FIGHT·
 BVT·MÄCKED·ÄND·HEWED·
 TILL·DOWN·HE·SÄNK,·BY·
 MIGHT·SVBDVED,
 TO·RISE·NO·MORE;·ÄND·
 LYING·



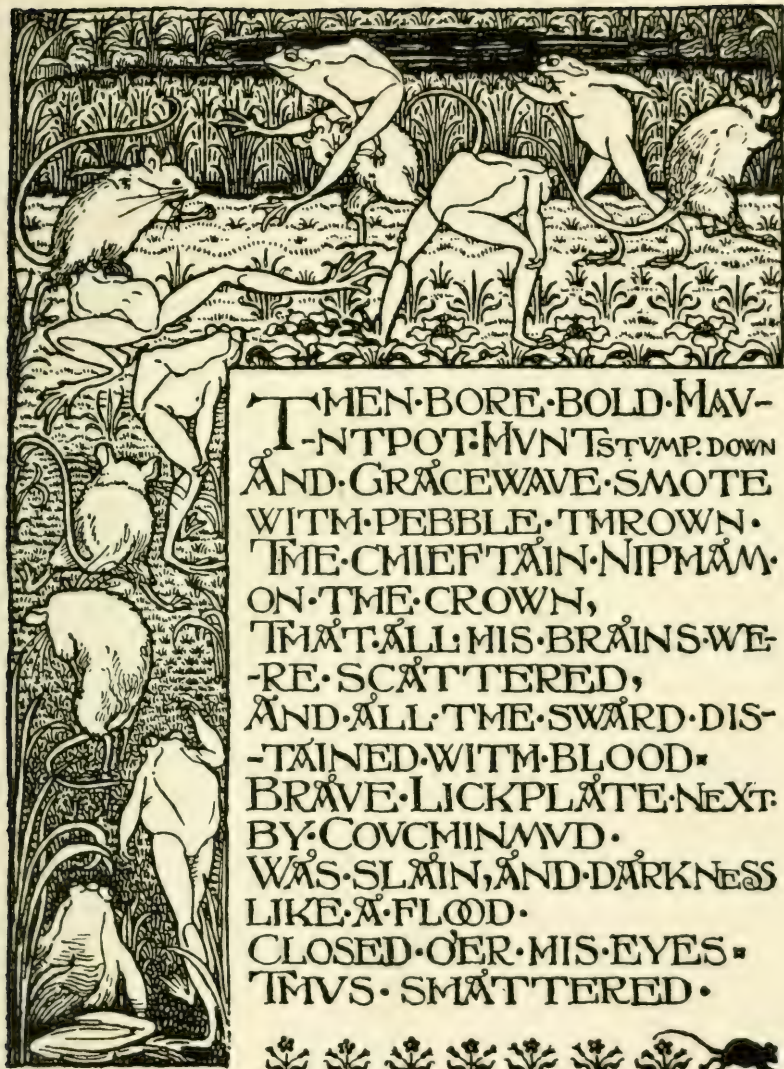




A·MANGLED·CORSE·THE·
 SHORE·BESIDE,
 HIS·LIFE·BLOOD·STAINED·
 THE·RIPPLING·TIDE·
 AND·THERE·MARD·BY·BOLD
 NIPCMEESE·DIED,
 A·WARRIOR·BRAVE·AND·
 BLAMELESS;
 WHILE·MINTY·FILLED·WITH
 FEAR·AND·DREAD·
 AT·SIGHT·OF·VALIANT·SG·
 -OOPCMEESE, FLED·
 FOR·SAFETY·TO·A·WATERY
 BED,
 HIS·SHIELD·DOWN·FLING-
 ING, SHAMELESS.



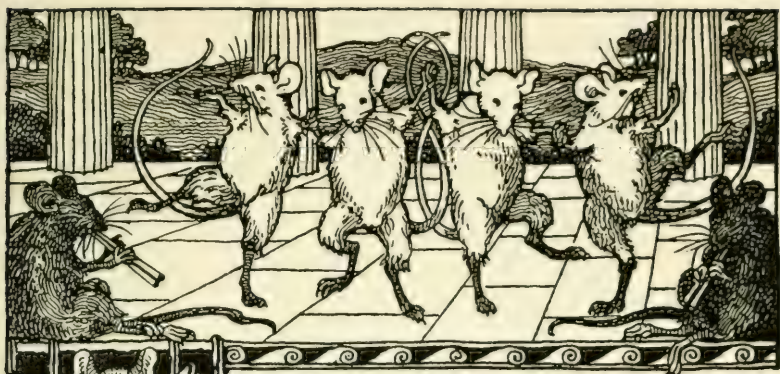




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 A·N·D·G·R·A·C·E·W·A·V·E·S·M·O·T·E·
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WHEN GREENLEEK SAW
 HIM FALL MALE SLAIN,
 THE FOREMOST RANKS HE
 CLEFT AMAIN;
 AND GNAWCRVST SMOTE,
 BVT SMOTE IN VAIN,
 HIS SHIELD ALL DARTS RE-
 PELLING;
 BVT SOON HIS MATCHLESS
 HELMET FELT.
 (FOR BRASS THEREOF THE
 SMITHS DID MELT
 FOVR PRICELESS POTS.)
 A BVFFET DEALT
 BY SOVRMERB ALLEX-
 CELLING.







BOGTROTTER·TMEN,WHO
 WATCHED·THE·FIGHT,
 A·MÅNDFVL·MVGE·OF·MVD·
 FLVNG·RIGHT
 IN·FILCHCRVMB'S·FACE,
 ALL·FOVLLY·DIGMT,
 AND·HIM·MAD·WELL·NIGM·
 BLINDED;
 WHEREAT·ENRAGED,VPHEA
 -VING·STRAIGHT·
 WITH·MIGHTY·MÅND·A·
 BOVLDER·GREAT,
 FROM·OFF·THE·PLAIN, A·
 CVMBROVS·WEIGHT,
 TO·SLAY·BOGTROTTER·
 MINDED,



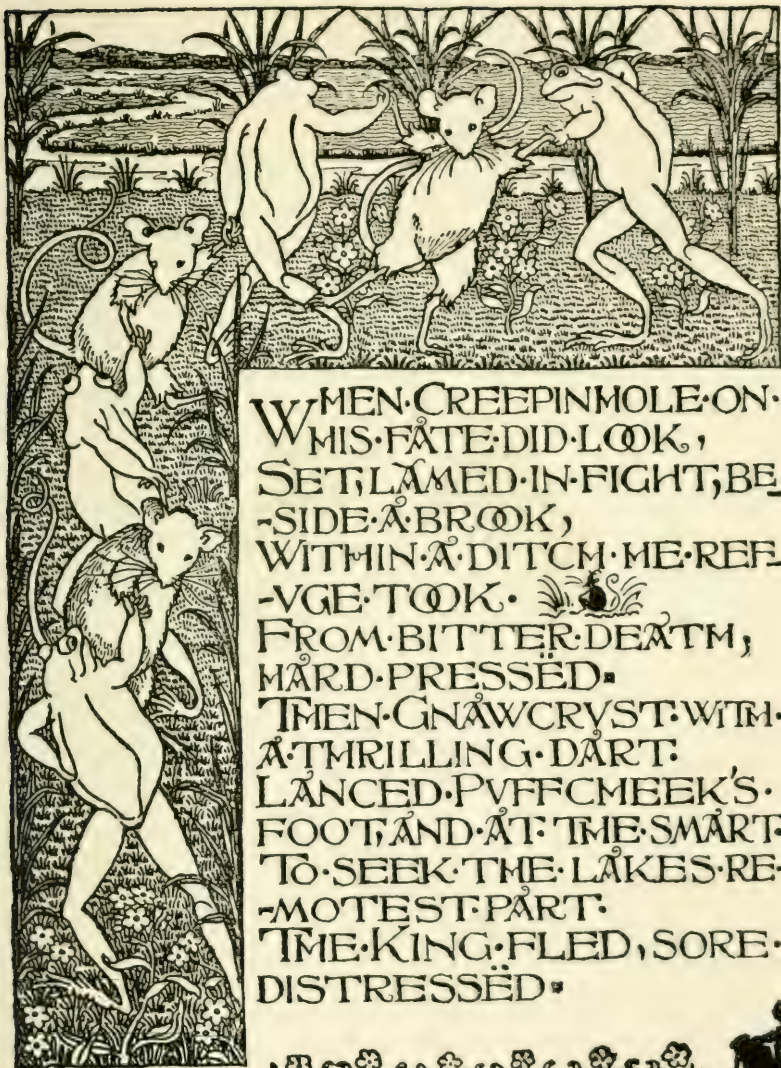




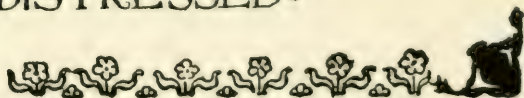
AGAINST MIS-KNEES THE
 MASS ME-DÄSMED;
 THE-PONDEROVS-STROKE
 IN-PIECES-SMÄSMED.
 MIS-DEXTER-LEG, AND-DO-
 WN-ME-CRÄSHED,
 MIS-FORM-I'THE-DVST-EX-
 -TENDING 
 WHOSE-FÄLL-TO-ÄVENGE.
 THEN-CROÄKWELL-FLEW-
 ON-FILCMCRVMB-FIERCE
 AND-MÄDE-MIM-RVE.
 THÄT-EVIL-MOVR, PIERCED
 THROVGM-ÄND-THROVGM-
 WITH-KEEN-EDGED-LÄN-
 -CE'S-RENDING.



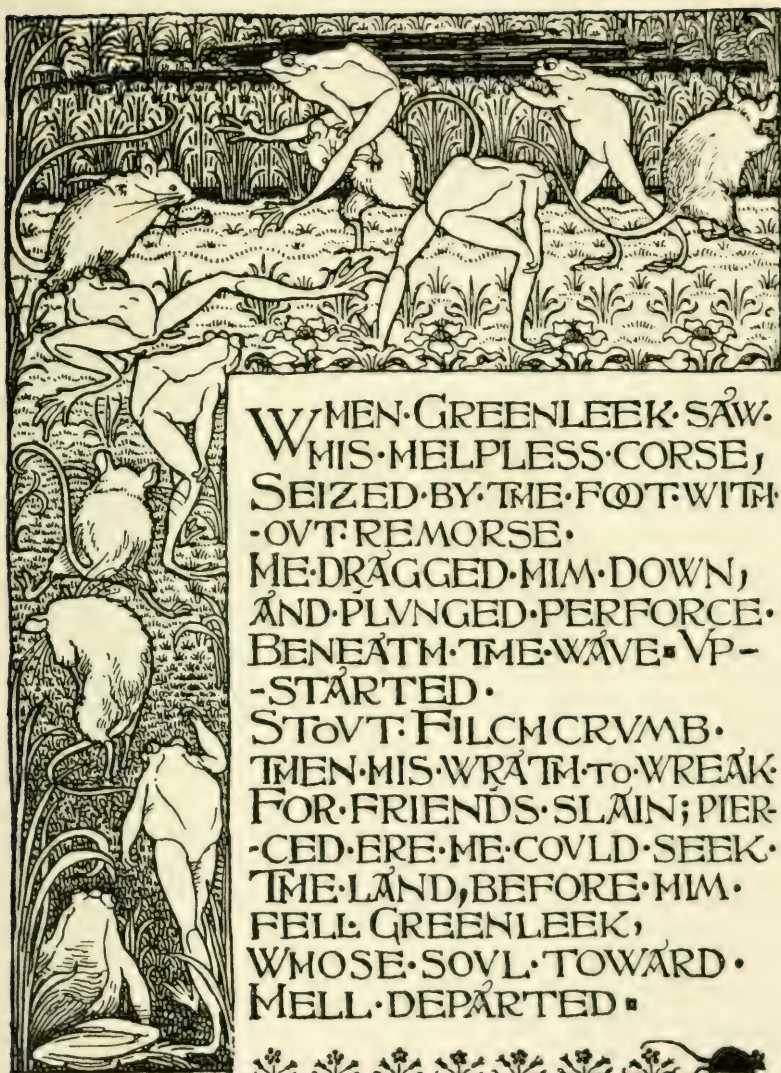




WHEN CREEPIN MOLE ON
 HIS FATE DID LOOK,
 SET LAMED IN FIGHT, BE-
 SIDE A BROOK,
 WITHIN A DITCH HE REF-
 UGE TOOK. 
 FROM BITTER DEATH,
 HARD PRESSED.
 THEN GNAW CRYST WITH
 A THRILLING DART
 LANCED PVFFC MEEK'S
 FOOT, AND AT THE SMART
 TO SEEK THE LAKES RE-
 MOTEST PART.
 THE KING FLED, SORE
 DISTRESSED.







W MEN · GREENLEEK · SAW ·
 MIS · MELPLESS · CORSE,
 SEIZED · BY · THE · FOOT · WITH ·
 · OVT · REMORSE ·
 ME · DRAGGED · MIM · DOWN,
 AND · PLVNGED · PERFORCE ·
 BENEATH · THE · WAVE · VP ·
 · STARTED ·
 STOV · T · FILCH · CRUMB ·
 THEN · MIS · WRATH · TO · WREAK ·
 FOR · FRIENDS · SLAIN; PIER ·
 · CED · ERE · ME · COULD · SEEK ·
 THE · LAND, BEFORE · HIM ·
 FELL GREENLEEK,
 WHOSE · SOVL · TOWARD ·
 MELL · DEPARTED ·



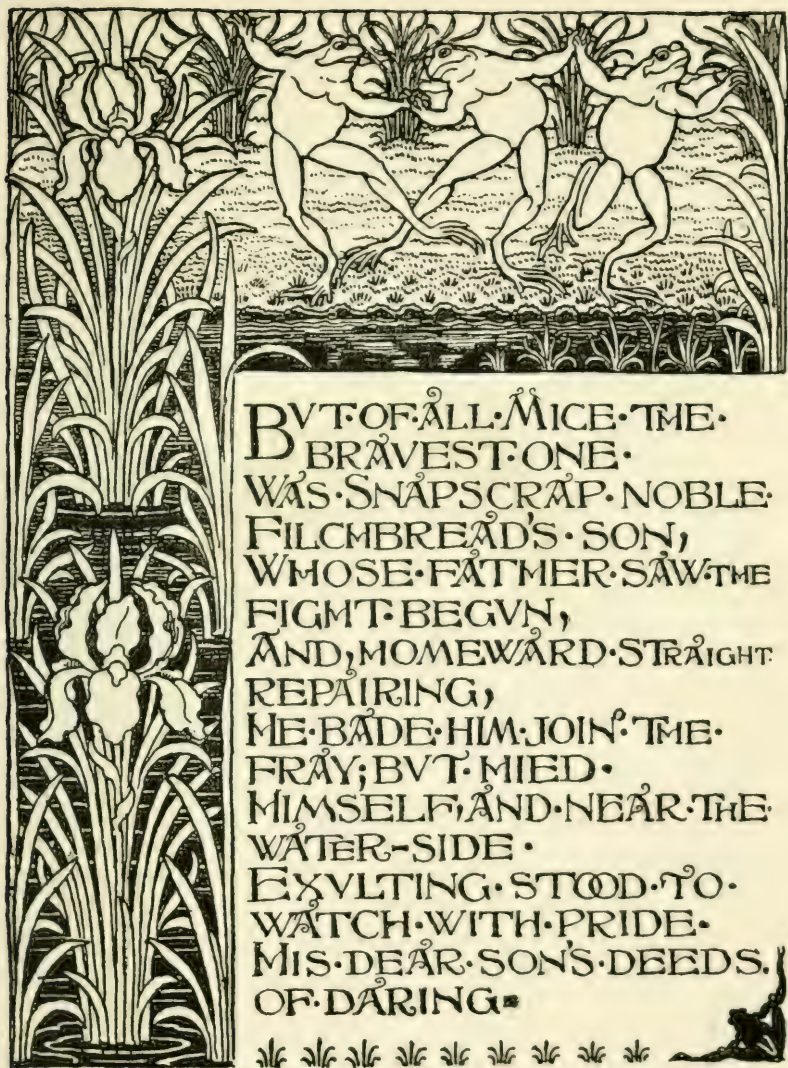




A GODLIKE CHIEF ME WAS,
 A CONFEST
 OF ALL THE FROGS IN BATTLE
 THE BEST;
 YET WHEN THE KING,
 WITH RAGE POSSEST,
 RVSMD ON HIM, BREATH-
 ING SLAUGHTER,
 HIS GLORIOUS NAME HIS
 DEED DISGRACED,
 NOR ONCE THE DAVNTLESS
 CHIEF ME FACED,
 BUT FLED THE FIGHT
 IN MEAD LONG MASTE,
 AND PLVNGED BENEATH
 THE WATER. 







BVT OF ALL MICE THE
 BRAVEST ONE
 WAS SNAPS CRAP NOBLE
 FILCMBREAD'S SON,
 WHOSE FATMER SAW THE
 FIGHT BEGVN,
 AND MOMEWARD STRAIGHT
 REPAIRING,
 HE BADE HIM JOIN THE
 FRAY; BVT MIED
 HIMSELF AND NEAR THE
 WATER-SIDE
 EXVLTING STOOD TO
 WATCH WITH PRIDE
 HIS DEAR SON'S DEEDS
 OF DARING





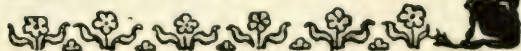
BUT LOVDLY SWORE THE
 GALLANT YOVTH
 TO SPOIL THE FROGS
 NOR SHOW THEM RVTH;
 THEN CLEFT IN TWAIN
 A NVTS MELL SMOOTH,
 HIS GEAR THEREWITH
 COMPLETING;
 AND THVS IN MATCHLESS
 MIGHT ARRAYED
 WITH FOLDED ARMS HIS
 FOES SVRVEYED,
 AT SIGHT OF WHOM THE
 FROGS DISMAYED
 FLED TOWARD THE LAKE
 RETREATING.







AND NOW, SO STRONG.
 WAS ME AND STOUT
 THEIR WRECK ME SOON.
 MAD BROUGHT ABOUT,
 BUT ZEUS WAS QUICK TO
 MARK THEIR ROUT,
 AND SOON THE MENACED
 SLAYING.
 OF WRETCHED FROGS DID
 RUTH INSPIRE.
 IN GODS AND MEN'S IMMOR-
 TAL SIRE,
 WHO SHOOK HIS LOCKS,
 AND MOVED TO IRE,
 HIS MIND THUS VTTER-
 ED SAYING:







A LACK, STRANGE DOINGS
 MEET MINE EYES.
 LO, EVERY FROG IN PANIC
 FLIES,  
 WHERE ROVND THE LAKE
 THIS SNAPS CRAP HIES.
 AND SNAPS VP ALL BEFORE
 HIM.
 COME, SEND WE HENCE
 WITHOV T DELAY.
 ARÊS, AND WARLIKE PAL
 -LAS, TMEY.
 I TROW COULD DRIVE HIM
 FROM THE FRAY,
 NOW FIERCE SOEER ME
 BORE HIM?





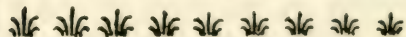
THVS·ZEVS;BVT·MÊRÊ.
 ANSWER·GAVE:
 'NOT·PALLAS,NO,NOR·ÂR-
 ÊS·BRAVE,
 HAVE·MIGHT,O·KING,THE
 FROGS·TO·SAVE.
 FROM·VTTER·WRECK·EN-
 -SVING.
 BVT·LET·VS·ALL·TOGETHER
 GO,
 AND·THVS·IN·FORCE·OVR·
 AID·BESTOW;
 OR·HVRL·THOV·DOWN·Â-
 -GAINST·THEIR·FOE·
 THY·WEAPON·MISCHIEF-
 -DOING,







THE BOLT THAT TITANS
 OVERTHREW,
 AND CAPANEUS THE MAU-
 GHTY SLEW,
 ENCELADUS, NOR ALL THE
 CREW.
 OF SAVAGE GIANTS SPAR-
 ING.
 COME LAUNCH IT FORTH,
 FOR BY ITS STROKE
 THE BRAVEST WARRIOR'S
 FORCE IS BROKE.
 THEN, SMOULDERING ALL
 WITH FLAME AND SMOKE,
 ZEUS FLUNG HIS BOLT
 FAR-FLARING







BVT FIRST ME WIDE OLYM-
B-PVS SMOK.

BY THVNDERS; THEN WITH
WRATHFVL LOOK.

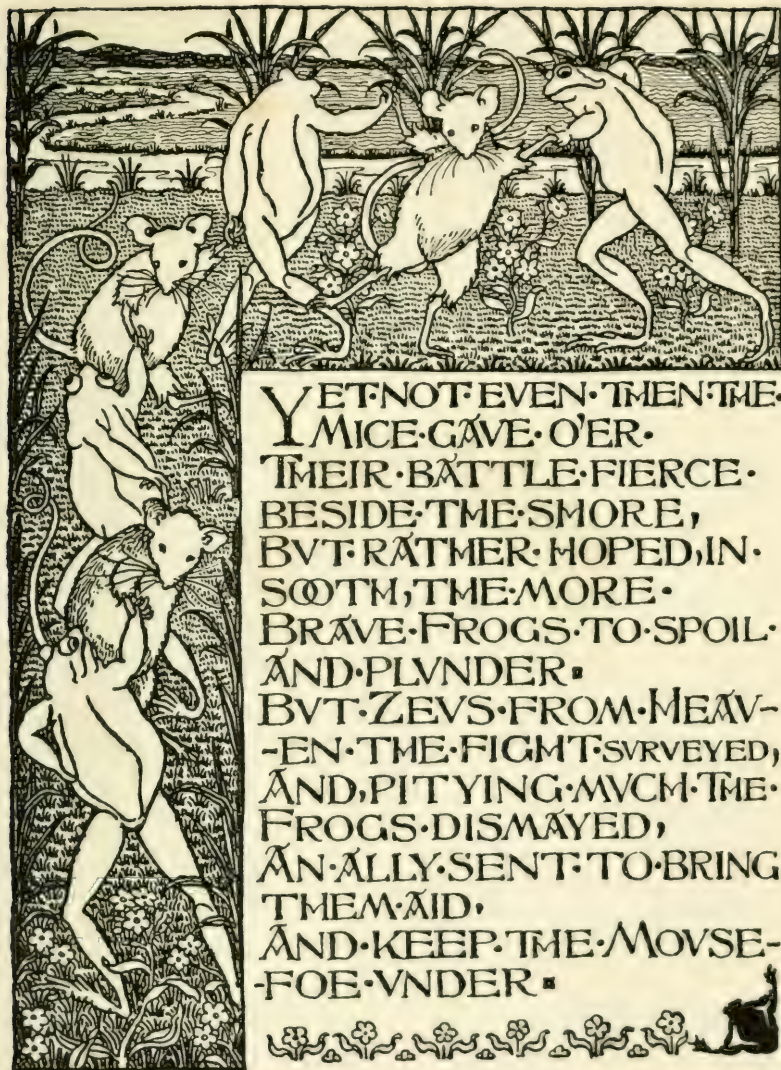
MIS AWFVL THVNDER-BOLT
HE TOOK.

AND BRANDISMED, SWIFTLY
WHIRLING.

FORTH FROM THE MON-
-ARCH'S HAND IT SPED,
GRIM DEATH AND GRIE-
-VOVS SCATHE TO SPREAD,
AND SMOTE ALL HEARTS
WITH FEAR AND DREAD.
WHERE'ER HE SENT IT
HVRLING.

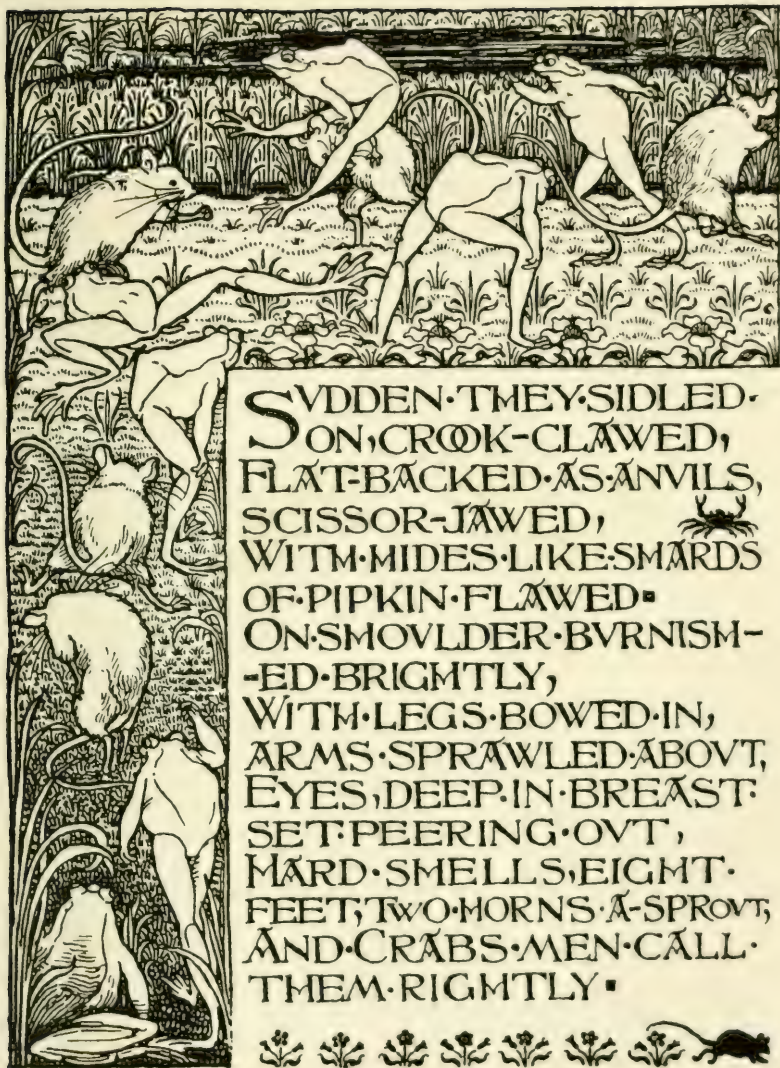






YET NOT EVEN THEN THE
 MICE GAVE O'ER.
 THEIR BATTLE FIERCE
 BESIDE THE SMORE,
 BUT RATHER HOPED, IN
 SCOTH, THE MORE.
 BRAVE FROGS TO SPOIL
 AND PLUNDER.
 BUT ZEVS FROM HEAV-
 -EN THE FIGHT SURVEYED,
 AND, PITYING MUCH THE
 FROGS DISMAYED,
 AN ALLY SENT TO BRING
 THEM AID.
 AND KEEP THE MOUSE-
 FOE VNDER.





S
VDDEN·TMEY·SIDLED·
SON, CROOK-CLAWED,
FLAT-BACKED·AS·ANVILS,
SCISSOR-JAWED,
WITH·MIDES·LIKE·SMARDS
OF·PIPKIN·FLAWED·
ON·SMOVLDER·BVRNISM-
-ED·BRIGHTLY,
WITH·LEGS·BOWED·IN,
ARMS·SPRAWLED·ABOVT,
EYES, DEEP·IN·BREAST·
SET·PEERING·OVT,
HARD·SMELLS·EIGHT·
FEET, TWO·HORNS·A·SPROVT,
AND·CRABS·MEN·CALL·
THEM·RIGHTLY·











THESE DID WITH MIGHT
 THE MICE ASSAIL, 
 WHO NIPT BY MAND AND
 FOOT AND TAIL,
 THEIR SPEARS AGAINST
 SVCM STVBORN MAIL.
 TMRVST VAINLY BACKWARD
 BENDED. 
 THEN FEAR ON EVERY
 MOUSE DID GROW;
 THEY TURNED AND FLED
 NOR FACED THE FOE.
 BYT NOW THE SVN MAD
 SET; AND SO 
 THIS ONE DAY'S WAR
 WAS ENDED. 





THE·END·



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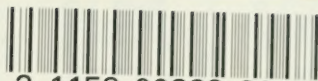
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